



**ST PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH - DESHLER NE**

Worship - Community - Mission

Monthly Newsletter

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*A Note From The
Pastor...*

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

I wanted to take this month's article to write about something new that will be happening in August. Starting August 21st, on the third Sunday of the month, we will be having a blended style of worship. This means that we will have a mix of contemporary worship songs and hymns. We are trying this for a couple of reasons:

1) Looking Ahead – We are looking to be proactive with the realization that it will be difficult to find an organist in the future. Not many people know how to play the organ. It is important to begin to prepare for that day when it will be difficult to use the organ in worship. So, we will be trying some recorded worship songs.

2) Listening to Others - We have had numerous positive comments about the worship music that is played during communion. We have had requests for similar worship songs during the worship service.

We know this is a change and we know that change can be difficult, especially when it comes to worship because it is so personal. If contemporary worship isn't your preference style, I am asking that you please be patient as we try this. In all things, we want to give glory to our Savior Jesus for all He has done for us. We also want to treat one another with respect, even when we disagree with each other.

The Bible describes different ways that we can worship God. We are going to try a little different way with some recorded worship songs, once a month. As we try this, the elders and I invite you to share your feedback with us. In all things, may the focus remain on Jesus.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,
Pastor Brian

Official Acts

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Through Baptism

Date – 7-9-2022

Rhett Michael Meyer

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Through Transfer

Date – 7-6-2022

Dennis & Joyce Schmidt to St. Peter Lutheran, Davenport, Ne

Financial Update

As of July 10, 2022 (28 Sundays) General Budget

Offerings Received	\$171,363.53
Offerings Budgeted	\$202,681.64

Difference **\$(31,318.11)**

Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	\$3,769
Received	\$2,680

Difference **\$(1,089)**



Anytime at lutheranhour.org

Sunday mornings:

06:30	KFAB	Omaha	1110AM
07:30	WIBW	Topeka	580AM
08:00	BOTT	N. Platte	107.6FM
10:00	KRVN	Lexington	880AM

8/7 "These Are Not Our Kind of People"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman (Matthew 5:43-48)

8/14 "Everything Is So Expensive"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman (Luke 12:15)

8/21 "Facing the Worst"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman (John 11:25-26)

“The Vision We Need”

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman (Romans 8:18-23)

rightnow MEDIA

“Road Trip to Truth – Season 2”

by John Fabarez

It's time to hit the road -- again! Road Trip to Truth is back with another season of student interactions, expert interviews, and incredible animation.

Travel along as host John Fabarez covers the dangers of agnosticism, the deadly impact of porn, progressive sexuality, historical objections to Christianity, environmentalism, social Darwinism, and much, much more.

With 13 jam-packed episodes, Road Trip equips you and your kids to defend the Christian faith at school, work, and everywhere in between. Don't miss a stop... on the Road Trip to Truth!

Please contact Pastor Brian or Todd Voss to get started with RightNow Media. Also, check out Pastor Brian's video on how to get set up with RightNow Media. The video can be found on our Facebook and YouTube pages.



Agape Readers Gather Monday, August 8th

Our book group will gather again on Monday, August 8th to discuss *A Crimson Cord* by Jill Eilleen Smith. If you enjoy reading or know people that do, we invite you to come and join us on the 2nd Monday of the month for our book discussion time. You can see the list for the rest of 2022 on the bulletin board.



Starting August 20th, Grief Share will be offered on Saturdays through November 19th from 9:00am-10:30am at the Jennifer Reinke Public Library. These sessions will be facilitated by the Deshler pastors. These classes are for anyone who has experienced the death of friend or loved one or who wants to be equipped to encourage people who are grieving. If you are interested, please contact the church office.



The 2022-23 school year is just around the corner! We are very excited to see all that God will do through the school ministry of Deshler Lutheran School. The theme for the 22-23 school year is “Making Disciples for Life!” and comes from Matthew 28:19-20, which read as follows: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” I absolutely love this year's theme because it is at the very heart of the mission of Deshler Lutheran School. It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit would work in mighty ways to draw each of our students closer in their relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, making them “Disciples for Life!”

We invite all of you to be a special part of our ministry again this year by praying for our students, family, and staff, and by attending DLS school events throughout the year. Thank you so much for your support in many ways!

Your first chance to join us is for the Deshler Community Prayer Walk on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 pm at the Thayer County Fairground's Flagpole. All participants will gather at 7:30 pm for an opening group prayer and then instructions on

walking route. Bring some good walking shoes and your water bottle. Our route will go by all the schools, preschools, and churches within Deshler's city limits. During the walk, which is at your own pace, all participants are encouraged to lift up our children, families, schools, preschools, churches, and the Deshler Community at large as we prepare to kick-off the 22-23 school year. We hope this event brings believers together to pray and is a blessing to our community at large.

We would also like to invite you to attend our Back-to-School Night Open House beginning at 5:30 on August 15. There will be a FREE Hamburger/Hot Dog meal to the first 200 people. A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers—especially the guys from the Friedensau LLL and St. Peter's Men's Bible Study group-- that will help prepare and serve the meal. We praise God for you!! We hope you will join us for the open house and meal. Students will bring supplies and “Move In” to their classroom in preparation for the new school year. The entire schedule for the event, with classroom meeting times, is listed below:

Schedule:

5:30-6:30 Open House
5:30-7:00 Hamburger/Hotdog Meal
6:45 1-2 Grade
6:35 Welcome Session in Gym
6:15 Kindergarten & 7-8 Grade
6:45 1-2 Grade
7:00 3-4 Grade & 5-6 Grade

We also invite you to join us for our weekly chapel services throughout the school year. Our regular chapel service time will remain on Thursdays but will be bumped back to 10:00 am instead of 9:15 due to changes in the shared service schedule with DPS. Guests are always welcome to join us for chapel!

The first day of school for the 2022-23 is Thursday, August 18th. We are very excited to welcome eight new Kindergarten students, all forty-three returning K-7 grade students from last year, and nine new transfer students. At the time of this print, we anticipate 60 students for the 22-23 school year. This is a 28% increase from last

year's total of 47 students and we still have a few weeks before the school year begins. We praise God for leading more students and families to DLS!

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal
Deshler Lutheran School

School Calendar Events:

8/3 Deshler Community Prayer Walk – 7:30 pm Fairground Flagpole

8/10-13 DLS Booth at the Fair

8/15 Back-to-School Open House & Meal -5:30 – 7:00 pm

8/18 1st Day of School/Chapel

8/25 Chapel

8/26 School Pictures @ DLS

8/31 1:50 Early Dismissal



Deshler Lutheran School

Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022

Attendance:

Todd Voss; Scott Laaker; Dale Endorf; Tyler Harms; Logan Schardt; Gage Baker; Tyler Stengel; Pastor Francik; Pastor Flores

Visitor: None

Todd Voss opened with devotion

Agenda approved as Presented

Minutes approved as presented

Treasure Report:

General fund: \$25,960.13

Hot Lunch: \$11,870.19

Needs Fund: \$65,377.11

Chapel: \$1,055.14

Library Fund: \$2,286.25

Flex CD: \$6,485.73

LCMS Foundation: \$8,53.71

Extension Fund: \$42,327,36

Motion to approve by Tyler S.
Second by Gage B. motion carried.

Motion by Dale E, and second by Jeremy to roll CD.

Trustee's Report:

Todd will take over the mowing for June and July.

Pastors Report:

None

Administrators Report:

1. 7-8 grade trip fundraiser, great turn out, done well, kids done great. Thank you for all the help.
2. 7-8 chapel April 28th.
3. Life 101 was 4/28 at the public school. Grades 6-8 attended, talking about different life lessons.
4. Play day was a great day, thanks to everyone for the help.
5. Closing chapel on Friday 13th, Elephant ears on the last day, graduation meal and ceremony.
6. Spanish is on agenda but no Spanish.
7. EANS II \$8,123
8. End of Year staff meetings 5/18&5/19
9. LEA convention or Best Practice. Trying to figure out the best one.
10. 50 returning kids - 7 new. 4 families interested. 1st year is no tuition but pays registration.

Old Business:

- A. Review of the constitution- no changes on articles XII, XIII, and XIV.
- B. Storage across the street is no longer an option.
- C. Landscaping- remove the dead trees and shrubs.

New Business:

- A. DLS is approved by the Nebraska Dept of Education for the 22/23 year.

- B. Tyler H and Mike H sat in class with both pastors and will report to the board of Ed of their findings.
- C. A list of summer projects was given to the board members at the meeting.

Dates to remember:

- A. 5/18 & 5/19 end of year meetings
- B. 6/13-17 VBS @Trinity
- C. 6/27 Board of Ed meeting @8. Devotion Scott Laaker.

Adjournment:

Motion by Jeremy S and 2nd by Dale E.

Motion Carried.

Pastor Flores closed with prayer.

Submitted by Scott Laaker.



Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are looking for Sunday School teachers for the upcoming education year. We need:

Leaders and Helpers
for 3-year-old - 4th grade
Leaders for 5th-8th grade

We have lesson plans available for you to follow. Please consider signing up to help continue to point our kids to Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Bohling, Addisin Schardt, or Pastor Brian.



- 1 Dorothy Holtzen
- 2 Cameron Schardt
- 3 Bryce Sedlachek
- 3 Paula Voss

- 4 Brooke Sasse
Melissa Sasse
- 6 Derick Larkins
Elaine Schardt
- 7 Kinsey Bohling
- 9 Amber Deepe
Millie Schardt
- 10 Jill Bauer
Dale Endorf
Addisin Schardt
- 13 Autumn Deepe
- 14 Joseph Ruhnke
Darren Schardt
Leah Schmidt
- 15 Johnnie Zucker
- 17 Larry Loontjer
Jeremy Schardt
Gregory Bell
- 19 Julene Schardt
- 20 David Achterberg
Mark Varner
- 21 Anthony Deepe
- 24 Kenzie Bohling
Brian Schardt
- 26 Desirae Schardt
- 27 Cooper Laaker
- 29 Hayden Meyer
- 30 Tami Finke
Karen Schardt
Mason Finke
- 31 Susan Harms

- 21 Brooke Sasse
- 25 Gregory Bell
- 26 Logan Schardt
- 27 Jeremy Schardt
- 28 Millie Schardt
- 29 Derick Larkins
Mark Varner
- 30 Amber Deepe
Johnnie Zucker



- 1 Marvin & Diane Schardt
- 5 Michael & Nicole Zucker
- 7 Rodney & Sheryl Achterberg
- 9 Brian & Julene Schardt
- 11 Reinold & Colleen Kruse
- 12 Jonathan & Linda Peters
- 15 Gregory & Sharon Bell
- 20 Delbert & Pamela Lemke
- 25 Kale & Mikayla Meyer
- 26 Neil & Monica Bohling
Anthony & Karla Deepe
- 29 Troy & Colleen Hansen
- 30 Randall & Tamara Meyer
Todd & Amy Voss



- 1 Karen Schardt
- 2 Eric Hopken
- 4 Scott Laaker
- 6 Patricia Mueller
- 8 Bruce Finke
- 9 Reinold Kruse
Jonathan Peters
Rhett Meyer
- 10 Dale Endorf
Janet Larkins
- 11 Kristin Doering
Julianna Finke
- 12 Karen Fegter
Gary Meyer
- 13 Tyson Bauer
- 14 Brextin Harms
Roberta Laaker
Darren Schardt
Cindy Watson
Rod Watson
- 16 Dorothy Holtzen
- 17 Melissa Sasse
- 18 Kolby Finke
Cale Schardt
Cameron Schardt
- 19 Brynn Bauer
- 20 David Pohlmann
Elaine Schardt
Isabella Scollin



August Jobs

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| Elder | Mike Zucker |
| Acolyte | Lainey Vieselmeyer |
| Flowers | Colleen Kruse |
| Envelope | Mark & Barbara Schardt |
| Committee | Anthony & Karla Deepe |
| Sound | Steve Harms |
| Video | Reinold Kruse |



We are excited to begin gathering with the junior high youth again this fall. Our first gathering will be to roast hot dogs and marshmallows on Sunday, August 21. As a reminder, all junior high youth are invited to these events, regardless

of church background, school, or town. We were very fortunate to have youth from various area towns and schools, both church and unchurched, join us for our gatherings last year. If you know of someone who might like to attend, please invite them to join us.

In September, we are planning our first servant event of the year as we help the Foster Care Closet in Beatrice change out their summer clothes for winter clothes. This is a great organization that provides clothes and hygiene products for children in the foster care system who often come into foster care with no personal possessions. They have several locations around the state, with the Beatrice location serving youth in our area. You can learn more about them here: <http://fostercarecloset.org>.

We would like to collect items in August that we could take with us to the Foster Care Closet when we go. If you are led to give, some of their most-needed items are pull-ups and diapers in all sizes, wet wipes, and toddler toothbrushes. Donations may be dropped off in the tote in the coat room. Thank you for helping our youth to make a difference in our area.

If you have any questions about youth group or have an idea for us, please contact Mike (402-690-6278) or Nicole (402-690-1216) Zucker. And as always, we appreciate your prayers for our events and for the continued spiritual development of our youth. Thanks,
Nicole



Deshler Community Prayer Walk- August 3 @7:30: You are invited to join us as we kick-off the upcoming 2022-23 school year with the Deshler Community Prayer Walk. We invite you to join us as we walk

and pray for our schools, families, churches, and community at large. All, young and old, are welcomed to attend as we lift our children and community up before God while enjoying some extra steps and fellowship. Bring some good walking shoes and your water bottle. We will begin the Deshler Prayer Walk at the Thayer County Activity Center Flagpole on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 pm.



Parents: If your child/children attended Camp Luther this summer or are planning to do so, the St. Peter LWML is offering campership scholarships/reimbursements of \$150.00. Please contact Barbara Schardt, LWML treasurer if you are interested.

July 7, 2022, Minutes

Sharon led the group of 8 members in the Bible study, "Maturing in the Word".

President Anita opened the business meeting. The May 5th meeting minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was presented by Barb and will be placed on file.

The "No Cost Garage Sale" was discussed. Attendance was less than other years possibly because it was not held with the city-wide garage sale. People that came expressed appreciation of the event. The left-over items were taken to Blue Valley in Hebron. Blue Valley greatly appreciated the items and said they really needed them. A big thank-you to everyone that helped bring items, sorted the items, worked before and during the sale, and loaded left over items to be taken to Hebron. A special thank-you to Reinold Kruse, John Peters, Todd and Julian Voss and Mark Schardt for help with the heavier lifting. The idea of holding it at the Deshler Lutheran School gym was brought up, discussed and tabled for next year. Lois agreed to be one of our delegates for the upcoming LWML Nebraska South District convention.

The Echo is now only online and can be run off. Pastor Hopkens has accepted a call to Wisconsin. As Kirsten Hopkens has been the editor of the Echo, a new editor will be needed.

We will wait to update our By-laws until after the Convention. There are a lot of changes to be made. The District Convention will be September 16th and 17th in Kearney.

Anita shared a letter from Joyce Schmidt. She has been taking care of the greeting cards and napkins sold in the Narthex. Joyce is retiring. Colleen Kruse has agreed to take over this job.

The quilters plan to have a couple of workdays this summer to cutbacks 64" X 84" and tops 60" X 80". The dates will be determined later.

Camperships were brought up. If your child went to Camp Luther or will be attending Camp Luther this summer, LWML will reimburse you \$150.00. Ask Anita or Barb about this.

Hostess Ellen served a delicious fruit pizza. Linda and Carol will be hostesses in September.

Mites were collected to the song "Reach Out and Touch."

Quarterlies are in mailboxes.

Anita closed with prayer.

Secretary,
Sheryl Achterberg



Direct Deposit Offerings - Automatic withdrawal is available to give your offerings here at St. Peter. Signup forms are available in the Narthex, or if requested can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Sara Kresser, at 402-984-2453 or fourleafclover9@hotmail.com.



Giving Online - You can give online using a debit or credit card. Click on the "Give" tab on www.stpeterdeshler.org, then select "Click to Give." Please note: There is a fee for using a debit or credit card. It will be deducted from your offering unless you choose to cover the fee.



C.A.R.E. Warriors - (Compassionate Acts in Response to Jesus' Enduring Love.) is a social ministry and resource networking opportunity where God's people connect with one another and share prayer, gifts, resources, support, and most importantly - the Gospel. We work with our spiritual and physical gifts to be the hands and feet of Jesus, right here in Thayer County. Can you spare time and resources to help someone else? Some examples such as: Clean up the yard/paint a porch/drive to medical appointment/help someone with technology/get groceries/run to get parts during harvest/fix a flat tire/take kid to an activity/babysit/organize clutter/be a prayer partner/study the Bible with someone/provide a space for meetings/teach a class/cook a meal/and on-and-on. Please pray that God will reveal 1) how He wants you to serve and 2) people who need our time and talents. The body of believers needs to be alert, seeking, and engaged in ways to spread the Gospel and Christ's love - more than one hour on Sunday morning. People are thirsty for hope, healing, and Jesus in our own zip codes. Contact Karen Schardt or Lynn Bohling to get involved.

Discipleship starts with relationships. (Acts 2:42-47)



Collecting for Gospel Mailers - Bibles, New Testaments, Concordia Self Study Bibles, Luther's Small Catechisms, English Dictionaries, Sunday School materials (CPH only), Bible study guides (CPH only), Sunday School or VBS Puppets (durable for use as fun toy in orphanages) Please leave requested items in the tote located in the front entrance coat room.



Religion Greeting Cards Available - Wedding, birthday, anniversary, and sympathy cards are available along with various festive napkins.



Available In the Narthex - Sunday Bulletins, Pastor Brian's Weekly Devotion, *My Devotions*, *Portals of Prayer*, *Life Date*, Text Alert Signup Sheets, Faith Mentor Info, Cloth Masks, Hand Sanitizer, etc.



Are You on Facebook? - Check out the St. Peter, Faith, and DLS Facebook pages, like, and follow them to get updates on your feed. We are continuing to find ways to encourage the body of Christ in the technology world.



Video of Services - A DVD of each Sunday service is available in the white basket on the mailbox shelf after each service. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.



UNFILTERED JESUS - Bible Study Series Faith Lutheran – Hebron. In this series, we are looking at Jesus's unfiltered character and unwavering commitment to follow the will of the Father. There are short videos that have been filmed on location in Israel and some discussion questions. The end goal is that we too may reflect the life of Jesus unfiltered. Everyone is invited to join us for a light meal and study. Watch the calendar for monthly dates.



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday														
	1 7:30pm Elders Meeting	2	3 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline	4	5 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	6														
7 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion	8 9am DLS Beginning of School Year Meetings 7pm Agape Readers	9 9am DLS Beginning of School Year Meetings	10 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 6pm Fair Booth	11 6pm Fair Booth	12 6pm Fair Booth Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	13 6pm Fair Booth														
14 9:45am Worship with DLS Teacher Rededication	15 5:30pm DLS Back to School Night/Open House 8pm DLS Board of Education Meeting	16	17 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline	18 10am DLS Opening Chapel	19 Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders	20 9am Griefshare @ Deshler Library														
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