

August 2023

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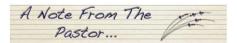
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Deshler Lutheran School

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

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to start another school year. It doesn't seem like very long ago that summer break started, but here we are ready for another school year. We are so excited for the new kids and families that God has brough to DLS.

Our theme for this year is "Connected in Christ". Our theme verse is John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him. he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." In this verse, Jesus uses agricultural language that we are familiar with in our area. We know that if a branch is going to produce fruit, it needs to be connected to the vine. The branch can't produce fruit on its own. The same is true for us. We can't produce the fruit of being a follower of Jesus on our own. We must remain connected to Jesus in a living, active relationship. That means we need to be in God's Word, in prayer, in worship, having meaningful times with other Christians.

Our theme also reminds us that we are all connected to the same vine, Jesus Christ. Though we come from different backgrounds and have had different life experiences, if we have faith in Jesus, we are all connected to Him. We have school of families who go to different churches, but we are connected in Christ.

Please be praying for this upcoming school year. Please be praying that our staff and families continue to remain connected in Christ and that we would bear fruit. Pray that we would all work together as people connected in Christ.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting, Pastor Brian



Stewards What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, "How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others," to asking the question, "What have they done for me lately?" We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and

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family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

LCMS Stewardship Ministry:
 lcms.org/stewardship

Official Acts

| 3 rd Quarter 7-1-2023 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Membership7-1-2023 | | | | | | |
| Baptized297 | | | | | | |
| Confirmed246 | | | | | | |
| Voting members211 | | | | | | |
| MEMBERSHIP GAINS | | | | | | |
| Through Baptism | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| MEMBERSHIP LOSSES | | | | | | |
| DateFuneral & Burial Service | | | | | | |
| for | | | | | | |
| Date of Death | | | | | | |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Cemetery | | | | | | |
| Through Transfer | | | | | | |
| Through Release | | | | | | |
| OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS | | | | | | |
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| 7/24/2023Robert E. Keim | | | | | | |
| Date - Wedding of | | | | | | |
| End of 3rd Quarter 9-30-2023 | | | | | | |
| Baptized | | | | | | |
| Confirmed | | | | | | |
| Voting members | | | | | | |



As of July 16, 2023 (29 Sundays) General Budget

 Offerings Received
 \$161,452.95

 Offerings Budgeted
 \$220,015.75

 Difference
 \$(58,562.80)

Missions-Nebraska District Support
Goal \$3.0

 Goal
 \$3,904

 Received
 \$2,550

Difference \$(1,354)



Anytime at <u>lutheranhour.org</u> Sunday mornings:

| 06:30 | KFAB | Omaha | 1110AM |
|-------|------|-----------|---------|
| 07:30 | WIBW | Topeka | 580AM |
| 08:00 | BOTT | N. Platte | 107.6FM |
| 10:00 | KRVN | Lexington | 880AM |
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08/06 "Who is Jesus?" Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-16)

08/13 "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?" Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1:48-51)

08/20 "The Latest Polls" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What people think about something—that's a poll. What that something actually is—that's the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

08/27 "Raising the Praise"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John
Nunes. Every day and everywhere
they go, the followers of Jesus bring
the "echo" of Easter with them.
(1 Peter 1:3)

rightnow MEDIA

"Seeing God as a Perfect Father" By Louis Giglio

You are...loved, prized, wanted, believed in by a perfect Father.

How you view God informs everything about who you are and who you're becoming. In this powerful video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio challenges our perceptions of who God is and points us to know him as a heavenly Father who is not absent or ambivalent but is available and ready to embrace you with his unconditional love and blessing.

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.



Sarai by Jill Eilleen Smith August 14th

Our book group will gather on August 14th to discuss the book *Sarai by Jill Eilleen Smith*. If you enjoy reading, we invite you to come and be part of our discussion. You can find the book list for the rest of 2023 with other announcements in the Narthex.



From the Principal's Desk....August 2023

Deshler Lutheran School, by the amazing provision of God and the support of His faithful people for generations, will soon embark on our 135th year of providing Christ-centered Education! Indeed, we praise God for this amazing milestone and pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the lives of our students, families, staff, congregations, and community in mighty ways in the year ahead. Thank you for the important role each of you have played in the incredible history of this ministry and for the role you will continue to play in the exciting future!



The theme for the 2023-24 school year is "Connected in Christ!" and comes for John 15:5. Jesus' powerful words remind us of that it is vital for each of us to remain

connected to Him. He says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." In order to produce fruit—fruit that will last, according to John 15:16—we must remain connected to Jesus. May each of us grow stronger in our connection to Jesus, to His work, and to His people. We look forward to focusing on being "Connected in Christ!" throughout the upcoming school year.

I saw a lot of "Connection in Christ" this summer at DLS. VBS was full of connection. It was great to see some many children and so many volunteers from both our Association congregations, of all ages, serving and being "Connected in Christ!" DLS hosted two workdays in the last six weeks. I'm so thankful for all that volunteer and serve this ministry. On June 20, the Board of Education put in new blinds, which were purchased with funds raised from the student Christmas Card Sales (Thank you for your support of that, too!), in the classrooms and library and completed other maintenance. The new blinds updated the classrooms dramatically and provided an additional visible wall space for our teachers to utilize. On July 9th we had an amazing day of connections as volunteers from St. Peter, Trinity, and St. Mark joined in for the DLS 510 School House Work Day. It was a beautiful thing and God truly blessed our day as we accomplished far more that we even hoped for!! Thank you all for "bearing much fruit!"

There are several events we would like to invite you to join us in the upcoming weeks. On August 2, we will be hosting the Deshler Community Prayer Walk starting at 7:30 pm at the Thayer County Activity Center Flagpole. It is a simple, yet powerful, event as we will be lifting our schools, students, churches, families, and community at large up before the Lord as we get ready to kick-off the new school year. This event is for the young and the old. You can walk, ride, or drive the route. We will kick off with announcements & prayer together. The rest of the event is self-paced. Bring good walking shoes and your water bottle. We hope you will join us as we go to the Lord in prayer.

DLS will be involved at the Thayer County Fair again this year. Be sure to stop by our booth in the Activities Centers in the evening. On Wednesday, we will be serving up some FREE home-made ice cream and give-away gifts on other nights for you to enjoy. Our staff hopes to see you at the fair!

We invite you to purchase some DLS "Connected in Christ!" gear. Order forms, which need to be turned into the school office with payment by August 31, are available from the school office and on the DLS Website(under the documents tab). The design looks great, shares God's Word, and is a good marking tool for DLS. Be sure to check it out!

On August 13 at Trinity-Friedensau, our staff will be re-dedicated for the 23-24 school year. We are excited to return all our teachers from last year and look forward to worshiping together at Trinity-Friedensau that Sunday.

Everyone is invited to join us for our Open House/Back-to-School Night on Monday, August 14. The LLL Men from Trinity-Friedensau and the Men's Bible Study guys from St. Peter-Deshler will be grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs for the first 200 people to join us for a FREE meal. We are very thankful to all the men that will be grilling and serving...THANK YOU!! The Open House, open to all, will run from 5:30-6:30 pm. The meal will run from 5:30-7:00 pm. Classroom parent meetings will also be held (Kindergarten & 7-8 @6:15, Welcoming @6:35 in Gym, 1-2 Grade @6:45, and 3-4 & 5-6 meetings @7:00). We do hope you'll join us to enjoy a tasty meal, see the classrooms, and walk the halls of DLS!

The 23-24 school year officially starts on Wednesday, August 16! Regular chapel time for the school year will be 10:00 am, normally on Thursday. Opening chapel will be the one exception on start time as it will be at 9:15 am on the first day of school, Wednesday. We invite you to join us throughout the year for Chapel. It is a special time, and we enjoy having guests.

Please continue to lift the ministry of DLS up in your prayers. Thank you for all your support and blessings on your month of August!

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal Deshler Lutheran school "Connected in Christ!"

Calendar Events:

8/2 Deshler Community Prayer Walk 7:30 pm @ Fairgrounds Flagpole 8/7-8 DLS Staff Meetings 8/9-12 DLS Fair Booth 8/13 DLS Staff Rededication @ Trinity-Friedensau 8/14 Back-to-School Night/Open House—Free Meal @5:30 pm 8/16 1st Day of School—Opening Chapel @ 9:15 am 8/21 Board of Education @8:00 pm 8/24 Chapel @10:00 am 8/25 School Pictures 8/31 Chapel @10:00 am



Deshler Lutheran School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

June 26th, 2023

Attendance: Pastor Flores, Pastor Francik, Todd Voss, Colby Finke, Gage Baker, Logan Schardt, Justus Harms, Jeremy Schardt, Tyler Harms, Dale Endorf, Tyler Stengel

Visitor: Marjorie Raess

Tyler Harms opened with devotion.

The agenda stood approved as presented.

There was no visitor input.

Minutes stood approved as presented.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund: \$7,263.72 Hot Lunch: \$21,428.29 Needs Account: \$75,760.38 Chapel Account: \$100.67 Library Fund: \$2,060.06

CD: \$6,500.52

LCMS Foundation: \$7,999.62 Extension Fund: \$42,679.61 Motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Justus Harms; seconded by Gage Baker. Motion carried.

<u>Trustee Report:</u> Jeremy is going to spray weeds.

Pastors Report: Nothing to report.

Administrators Report:

- 1. Chapel Project Update.
 - a. 22-23 Summary: Our Daily Hope totaled \$3,002.14.
 - b. 23-24 Semester 1 Project: Levites Ministries Nepal – Pastor Lazrus
- 2. 23-24 Theme: "Connected in Christ" John 15:5.
- 3. NDE 22-23 paperwork has been submitted.
- Nebraska Future Ready
 Conference June 12 & 13.
 Justus Harms made a motion to
 pay the teachers a \$100.00
 payment for their time for
 attending the conference. This
 would be paid for by using
 funds from Continuing
 Education; Seconded by Tyler
 Stengel. Motion carried.
- All School Class Trip planned for 23-24 to the Belvidere Museum.
- 6. Trinity-Friedensau 150th Anniversary Celebration.
- 7. Enrollment There will be 4 new Kindergarten students bringing total enrollment to 54 students.
- Praises There have been several more donations made to the school from donors outside of the DLS Association congregations.

Old Business:

- A. LB 753 has been passed in Nebraska.
- B. Constitution Review tabled.

New Business:

A. Hot Lunch Program Update –
 The wellness program for the school has been updated.

 Looking at the possibility of getting a smoothie machine for school.

B. Hot Lunch Pricing for 23-24.

1. 22-23 DLS Pricing:
 Students \$3, Adults \$4.25,
 Milk \$.50, Extra Entrée \$1.
 2. 23-24 DPS Pricing: K-6
 \$3.20, 7-12 \$3.50, Adults
 \$4.20, Milk \$.45.
 3. 23-24 DLS Suggested:
 Students \$3.25, Adult \$4.25,
 Milk \$.50, Extra Entrée \$1.

Tyler Stengel made a motion to match DPS pricing; there was not a second and the motion failed.

Justus Harms made a motion to go with the DLS suggested pricing; seconded by Dale Endorf. Motion carried.

- C. Summer Projects/Workdays July 9th workday at the house property.
- property.

 D. Faith

 Development/Confirmation
 Instructional Plan for 23-24 –
 On June 16th, Todd Voss,
 Pastor Flores, Pastor Francik,
 Tyler Harms, and Tyler Stengel
 held a meeting to discuss a
 plan for the 23-24 school year
 Confirmation Instruction. There
 were two options that were
 discussed. Option 1 was to
 continue as things have been
 done currently by having Pastor

continue as things have been done currently by having Pastor Francik teach the class Monday through Wednesday and to have Pastor Flores teach on Fridays. Option 2 was to go to a schedule that would alternate both Pastors quarterly throughout the school year. This was then discussed at the Board of Education meeting and a ballot vote was held to choose between Option 1 and Option 2. Results were as follows: 7 votes for Option 1; 1 vote for Option 2. Justus Harms made a motion to unanimously select Option 1; seconded by Logan Schardt.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u> 6/26-6/30 VBS at DLS, 7/9 DLS School-House workday, 7/17 Board of Education meeting at 8 pm.

Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeremy Schardt; seconded by Kolby Finke. Motion carried.

Pastor Francik closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms.



- Dorothy Holtzen
- 2 Cameron Schardt Bryce Sedlachek
- 3 Paula Voss
- 4 Braden Johnson Brooke Sasse Melissa Sasse
- 6 Elaine Schardt
- 7 Kinsey Bohling
- 8 Carlee Hinz
- 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 FinkeKaren SchardtMason Thompson-Finke
- 31 Susan Harms



- Karen Schardt
- **Derek Washington**
- Scott Laaker
- 6 Patricia Mueller
- Bruce Finke
- Reinold Kruse Jonathan Peters
- 10 Dale Endorf Janet Larkins
- 11 Kristin Doering Julianna Finke
- 12 Karen Fegter Gary Meyer
- 13 Tyson Bauer
- 14 Brextin Harms Roberta Laaker Avery Schardt Darren Schardt Cindy Watson Rod Watson
- 16 Dorothy Holtzen
- 17 Melissa Sasse
- 18 Kolby Finke Cale Schardt Cameron Schardt
- 19 Brvnn Bauer
- 20 David Pohlmann Elaine Schardt Isabella Scollin
- 21 Brooke Sasse
- 25 Gregory Bell
- 26 Logan Schardt
- 27 Jeremy Schardt
- 28 Ryan Johnson Millie Schardt
- 29 Mark Varner
- 30 Amber Deepe Johnnie Zucker



- Marvin & Diane Schardt
- 5 Michael & Nicole Zucker
- 7 Rodney & Sheryl Achterberg
- 9 Brian & Julene Schardt
- 10 Ryan & Melissa Johnson
- Reinold & Colleen Kruse 11
- 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

REMINDERS



AUGUST JOB DUTY

| Elder | Matt Vieselmeyer | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Acolyte | Kyleigh Lopez | | | |
| Flowers | Sharon Lokie | | | |
| Envelope Committee | Dale & Janice Klaumann Mark & Barb Schardt | | | |
| Sound | Steve Harms | | | |
| Video | Reinold Kruse | | | |



The Junior High Youth Group is looking forward to starting another year of faith, fellowship and fun! We will have our first event of the year on Sunday, August 13 from 5:30-8pm at the Zucker house (907 3rd St, Deshler). We will roast hot dogs and s'mores, play yard games and swim in the pool. All junior high youth are invited to join us, whether from our church, another church or no church, from Deshler or any surrounding area. Please contact Mike or Nicole Zucker or Dale or Meghan Endorf with any questions or suggestions, or if you would like to help with the youth group in any way this year.



St. Peter Lutheran Women's **Missionary League** July 6, 2023

The gathering opened with Sharon leading the 8 members present in the Bible study, "Here I Am, Send Me".

A business meeting opened reviewing the May 4 minutes. They were approved. Barb presented the treasurer's report, and it is to be placed on file.

Joyce reported that more material was donated to make tops, so a quilt workday will be set up soon. Nancy is making more tops and sets. We have lots of sets ready for the fall. The last of the packed boxes of quilts have been taken to Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you to all who volunteered and worked at the No-Cost Garage Sale. It was suggested to consider shortening the sale hours to 8 AM to noon. We are open suggestions for encouraging involvement Ωf more church members. Money donated at the sale will go to mites. Anita and Lois shared pictures and memories of their attending the LWML National Convention in June in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Pastor's 15 years of service will be celebrated July 30 with a potluck. A motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Colleen to give Pastor and family an LWML cross ornament and \$115.00. The motion passed.

The LWML NE South District Retreat will be September 15-16, 2023, at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp in Hordville, NE.

For more information contact Dee.Jalas@CUNE.org or Donna Meyer at DonnaMMCares@Gmail.com.

Thank you, Pat and Ellen, for hosting our gathering. Robin and Carol hostesses for the September 7 gathering. Mite's offering was dedicated with the song "A Time to Serve". 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.



As we get closer to a new school year starting, we would love the opportunity, as a congregation, to bless some struggling families in our community and area with school supplies such as pencils, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, notebooks, paper, etc. You can bring donations to church and put them in the school supplies tote in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Contact Pastor Brian or any C.A.R.E. Warriors Team Member for more information.

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



Keep Saving! Simply buy products from the Best Choice® and Always Save® brands at your favorite local grocer and save the UPC (proof of purchase) from the product's label. Deshler Lutheran School will earn \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPCs collected and mailed to Best Choice Save-A-Label. The jar is located in the coat room.



Available In the Narthex -

Sunday Bulletins, Pastor Brian's Daily Devotions, My Devotions, Portals of Prayer, Life Date, Faith Mentor Info, Announcements, Newsletter, Direct Deposit Slips, Cemetery Policy, Annual Report, Phone Directory, 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 in the Narthex. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.



August 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| | | 1 | 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Deshler Community Prayer Walk | 3 | Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders | . 5 |
| 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion | 7 9am DLS Beginning of School Year Meetings 7:30pm Elders Meeting | 9am DLS Beginning of School Year Meetings | 9 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 6pm Fair Booth | 6pm Fair Booth | Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders 6pm Fair Booth | 6pm Fair Booth |
| 9:45am Worship | 5:30pm DLS Back to School Night/Open House 7pm Agape Readers | 15 | 9:15am DLS Opening Chapel 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline | 17 | Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders | 19 |
| 9:45am Worship | 8pm DLS Board of Education Meeting | 22 | 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline | 10am DLS Chapel | Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders and Newsletter Assembly | 26 |
| 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion | 28 | 29 | 30 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline | 31 10am DLS Chapel | Elder Mat Acolyte Kyle Flowers Sha Envelope Committee Mar Sound Stev | T JOB DUTY Vieselmeyer igh Lopez ron Lokie e & Janice Klaumann k & Barb Schardt re Harms hold Kruse |

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