

September 2023

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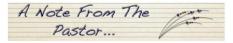
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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and **Savior Jesus Christ:**

Regularly, I hear from people wondering how we can share Jesus' love with people in our world today. Our world and culture seem chaotic, opposed to Jesus and the Church. What can we do? We are still called to witness to people in regard to the love and grace and hope of Jesus.

This year, in our Sunday Adult Bible Study, we are going to focus on being equipped to share Jesus with others. We will focus on two specific groups. The first group is the people who are in the LGBTQ+ lifestyle. I know it can be frustrating, especially during Pride Month in June, to have it displayed nonstrop. While we can definitely have righteous anger over this sinful lifestyle, we still need to remember that these are people who need Jesus. They are people who need to repent and trust Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their lives. If we don't witness to them, who will? This series will respectfully equip us with tools to witness lovingly to people in this lifestyle.

The other group we will focus on is the "nones". These are people who have no religious affiliation. This is the fastest growing category of religious affiliation. How do we witness to people who have never been introduced to Jesus & the Bible, along with those who have walked away from the church and now consider themselves, "None".

If God's kingdom is going to grow, we need to be witnessing in our community, our social groups, our workplaces, our family, and other places where we come into contact with people. We invite you to come get equipped to witness for Jesus.

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 us.

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 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 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

Membership 7-1-2023 Baptized 297 Confirmed 246 Voting members 211

3rd Quarter 7-1-2023

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Through Baptism

8/13/2023....Jaxton Travis Betten 8/13/2023....Sage Lainey Renz

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS Baptism

| 7/24/2023Robert | E. Keim |
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| End of 3rd Quarter 9-30 | -2023 |
| Baptized | ••••• |
| Confirmed | |
| Voting members | |



As of August 13, 2023 (33 Sundays) General Budget

Offerings Received \$184,142.95 Offerings Budgeted \$250,362.75

Difference \$66,219.80

| Missions-Nebraska | District | Support |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Goal | | \$4.4 |

Goal \$4,442 Received \$2,812

Difference \$1.630



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

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

09/03 "Entryway" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence. (Psalm 26:8)

09/10 "Not Just a Formality" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32)

09/17 "The Problem of Praise" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (Psalm 103)

09/24 "High Ground" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Psalm 27)

rightnow MEDIA

"Stepping Up, Stepping Out: Courageous Action for Kingdom Purpose" By Jordan Gash

The Lord calls us to be strong and courageous in our life as His followers. It's as true for us as it was for Joshua, who was responsible for leading the Israelites into a land promised to them but filled with enemies and obstacles. As we go through this series, we will explore how God prepares and empowers those who are willing to be courageous to step up to God's calling and step out in faith to overcome the obstacles that try to hinder them from God's Kingdom purposes.

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.



Believe For It by CeCe Winans September 11th

Our book group will gather on September 11th to discuss the book *Believe For It by CeCe Winans.* If you enjoy reading, we invite you to come and be part of our discussion. You can get the book list for the rest of 2023 from Pastor Brian.



From the Principal's Desk

September 2023

The 2023-24 school year is off to a great start at Deshler Lutheran School! We are excited to announce that DLS currently has 58 students enrolled for our 135th year of providing Christ-center education. We praise God for each of our students, families, staff members, volunteers, and especially for His faithful support and provision through all the years! Please, continue to join us in praying that the Holy Spirit would work in mighty ways in the lives of all our students, families, and staff in the year ahead.

We look forward to an exciting month of September as each classroom dives into the truth of God's Word and all of our academic subjects. In addition, there will be several other special events this month. Mrs. McCown's 3-4 classroom will be traveling to Ag Venture Days in Geneva on September Mrs. Voss's 5-6 class will be heading to Liberty Cove for a Water Jamboree on September 20. The 7-8 class heading to Superior to the vineyard to harvest grapes early in the month. MAP Testing will be completed. Junior high fall athletics will begin and towards the end of the month work will commence on the 5-8 grade fall musical.

We would like to invite you to participate in four upcoming events this month. There will be a Friends of School (FOS) Dinner Auction Meeting on September 6 at 5:30 in the DLS Gym. The Auction is a major event that requires many volunteers. Please prayerfully consider getting involved. On September 12 Mrs. Voss's 5-6 students will be hosting a Blood Drive at DLS. Please consider signing up to give the gift of life-saving blood and support this educational student servant event. We invite you to join us for chapel all throughout the year on Thursdays at 10:00 AM at St. Peter. We'd like to send you a special invitation to join us on September 21 for the 7-8 grade classroom chapel! September 27, the community is invited to join DPS & DLS students at the fairground flagpole for "See You at the Pole" from 7:55-8:10 AM as we praise the Lord and seek Him in prayer.





A quick review of last month confirms that August was a very busy month at DLS. Our staff held back-to-school meetings on August 7 and 8. The next day DLS was a busy participant at the Thayer County Fair. DLS students Dean Baden, Barrett Harms, Rigley McDonald, Dillon Schardt, Phinn Harms, & Braden Johnson road on the DLS float for the parade. Following the parade, 250 plus people stopped by the DLS Fair Booth to enjoy some FREE homemade ice cream. Our teaching staff enjoyed visiting with people throughout the fair at the booth. On Sunday, August 13, all our teachers worshipped at Trinity-Friedensau as

part of Teacher Rededication for the new school year. Monday, August 14, was Back-to-School Night at DLS. Thank you to everyone that joined us for our open house and hamburger meal. Again, we praise God for all the men(St. Peter Men's Bible Study & Trinity-Friedensau LLL Men) that helped grill, serve, and clean-up the meal at Back-to-School night. We greatly appreciate everyone that helped out! We would also like to thank the Thayer County Livestock Feeders for providing all the hamburgers for our meal. Many thanks to the Feeders for their generosity!!

In our theme verse for the 23-24 school year, we hear Jesus share these words, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." It is our prayer that DLS will bear much fruit—fruit that will last—this school year as we all grow closely "Connected in Christ!"

In Christ,

Todd Voss DLS Principal

<u>Friends of the School (FOS)—Needs</u> You!

FOS will be having a meeting on Wednesday, September 6 @ 5:30 in the DLS Gym to kick-off the 23-24 school year and plan for the upcoming DLS Biennial Dinner Auction. You are invited to attend and get involved! FOS is an organization of DLS supporters (parents, teachers, congregational & community members, alumni, etc.) that elevates the educational experience at DLS by 1) providing students learning opportunities & fun events and 2)meeting school needs through fundraising. God has tremendously blessed DLS through the efforts of FOS over the years. The DLS Biennial Dinner Auction is a BIG event that provides many opportunities for you to use your gifts and ability to support DLS. Please prayerfully consider coming to the meeting on September 6 @ 5:30 and getting involved. Be sure to mark and save November 18th as the date of the 2023 DLS Biennial Dinner Auction.

Calendar Events:

9/4 No School

9/6 FOS/Dinner Auction Meeting @5:30 – DLS Gym 9/7 Chapel @ 10 9/12 DLS 5-6 Blood Drive 9/14 Chapel @ 10 9/15 School Picture—Retake Day 9/18 Board of Education @ 8PM 9/20 Water Jamboree 9/21 Chapel @ 10 9/24 DLS Choir sings @ Trinity-Friedensau 9/27 "See You at the Pole" @fairgrounds 7:55-8:10 9/28 Chapel @ 10



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Board of Education Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2023

Attendance: Todd Voss, Tyler Harms, Dale Endorf, Justus Harms, Tyler Stengel, Gage Baker, Jeremy Schardt, Trent McCown, Logan Schardt

Todd Voss opened with devotion.

The agenda stood approved presented.

Minutes stood approved as amended.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund: \$24,504.56

Hot Lunch: \$22,420.62

Needs Account: \$55,483.33

Chapel Account: \$101.27

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 Jeremy Schardt. Motion carried.

<u>Trustee Report:</u> Nothing to report.

Pastors Report: Nothing to report.

Administrators Report:

- Workday Summaries: Thank you to everyone that has helped with workdays this summer.
- VBS was held this summer at DLS.
- 3. Future Ready Conference stipend has been paid to the teachers.
- Community Prayer Walk August 2nd.
- 5. Staff Meetings August 7^{th} & 8^{th} .
- 6. Thayer County Fair: Parade and booth August 9th 12th.
- 7. Teacher Re-dedication August 13th at Trinity.
- Back To School Night August 14th.
- 9. School Starts August 16th.
- Enrollment 4 Kindergarteners and a total of 54 students.
- 11. JH Schedule.

Old Business:

- Kitchen Update Will be getting cost quotes for the price of some new appliances.
- B. Summer Projects Looking to get new mulch for the playground.
- C. LB 753 update.
- D. Constitution Review Tabled.

New Business:

- A. Emergency Response Plan SRP. Todd met with Colt Farringer who is the Thayer County Emergency Manager. The decision was made to create a committee that will come up with an Emergency Response Plan for DLS students in the case of an actual emergency. Logan Schardt and Justus Harms volunteered to be on the committee.
- B. Policy Review.
- 1. Dress Code/Appearance Policy
- Cell Phone Usage. The Board studied the proposed dress code policy and cellphone policy and held discussion on them. Justus Harms made a motion to approve the new policies; Seconded by Logan Schardt. Motion carried.

Dates To Remember:

- A. Community Prayer Walk August 2nd.
- B. Staff Meeting August 7-8
- C. Thayer County Fair August 9-12
- D. Teacher Re-dedication August 13
- E. Back to School Night August 14
- F. School Starts August 16th.
- G. Board of Education Meeting August 21st at 8:00 pm.

Jeremy Schardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Tyler Stengel. Motion carried.

Todd Voss closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms.

Kindergarten





What a great, exciting, creative time we're having in Kindergarten already! So much fun meeting new friends and making new memories. Mrs. Schardt, our School Nurse, came to share about good hand-washing skills!

We're excited to grow and learn together in Jesus!

Love, Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten friends, Bryndal, Kora, and Casen.

1st and 2nd Grade.

My students were so excited to kick off this new school year! I saw many of them at the Thayer County Fair and they were all ready to go back. We added a couple new students to our 2nd grade class and are excited for our new 1st graders! We pray for a safe and productive year and are SO thankful we get to learn and grow at Deshler Lutheran!



3rd and 4th Grade.



Pictured from back left: Jase Stengel, Laynee Hudson, Alex Morales, Katherine Holley, Maddyn Harms, Wyatt Kane, Casey Laaker, Savannah Patterson. Front from Left: Aadynn Justus, Brooklyn Spellman, Izzy Scollin, Cameron Schardt, Kaylin Kidwell, Chase Laaker, Kade Stengel.

Welcome to the 3rd and 4th grade classroom! Our year has gotten off to a great start! We have 15 kids total with 5 in 3rd grade and 10 in 4th grade. We've been getting to know each other and learning how much God loves us and makes each of us special. We're also talking about tall tales and exaggerations. Hearing what some of the kids come up with for those is very interesting! Thank you again for supporting our school! God bless!

In Christ,

Rachel McCown, 3&4 teacher

5th and 6th Grade.



Hello to all from the 5th & 6th Grade classroom at DLS!

We are off to a great start! I will say again, what a blessing it is to get to teach in a Christian school! Starting off the year by worshipping together in chapel is such a wonderful thing!!

During the month of September our classroom will be hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 12th. If you are so inclined, you can give me a call to sign up for a donation time!

We will also be attending our first field trip on the 20th. We will be attending the Water Jamboree at Liberty Cove (near Lawrence). This event is always fun and is hosted by the Little Blue NRD.

Blessings to all! Thank you for your support of Deshler Lutheran School!

Connected in Christ!

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Mrs. Amy Voss

7th and 8th Grade.



We have twelve students in the 7-8 grade classroom this year. Our group includes eight 8th graders and four 7th graders. The boys outnumber the girls in our room by a nine to three margin. I'm very excited about our group and am looking forward to a fun year of learning

and growth! I believe this group will provide excellent leadership for our student body.

The 7-8 grade classroom is looking forward to preparing our chapel and picking out a musical in the weeks ahead. In literature class, students will be boarding the Hispaniola as they journey through Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure novel. Treasure Island. In Social Studies, we are beginning the year by studying geography and working on our map skills. During the first week of school, the 8th grade boys assembled our new pickleball net, and then measured out/taped down the pickleball court lines in the gym. Students, and teachers , are looking forward to playing pickleball, fast growing sport in America, during PE in the days ahead.

Todd Voss



- 2 Russell Wassom
- 3 Brigett Mosier
- Jonathan HinzJulia SchweerJoston Wassom
- 5 Jerad BettenEmmie BettenMichael FinkeMatthew Vieselmeyer
- 8 Sheryl Achterberg
- 9 Ellen Schmidt
- 10 Sandra Meyer Barbara Schardt
- 12 Conner Johnson Kale Meyer Beckham Renz
- 13 William Finke
- 14 Heath Finke
- 15 Donna Genung
- 16 Rowen Sedlachek
- 18 Alan Holle
- 21 Hayden Calkins
- 22 Sharon Lokie Kari Betten Derek Washington
- 23 Everett Schardt
- 24 Gavin Endorf Casey Laaker

- 27 Pamela Harms Rod Watson
- 28 Austyn Lindenmuth
- 30 Kalli Farnstrom Janice Hornbostel



- David Achterberg
 Jill Bauer
- 3 Addisin Schardt
- 4 Braden Johnson Larry Loontjer
- 7 Autumn Deepe
- 8 Brian Schardt
- 18 Kyleigh Lopez Mia Lopez
- 20 Dale Klaumann Julia Schweer
- 21 Kenzie Bohling Desirae Schardt
- 22 Michael Finke Hayden Meyer
- 24 Jerad Betten Leah Schmidt
- 25 Sandra Meyer Ellen Schmidt Russell Wassom
- 28 Carlee Hinz Matt Vieselmeyer
- 30 Kale Meyer Larry Wilbeck



- 1 Dale & Nancy Hoops
- 4 Allen & Joyce Schardt
- 9 Galen & Melissa Sasse
- 10 Jeremy & Addisin Schardt
- 12 Dale & Janice KlaumannLogan & Desirae Schardt
- 17 Tyson & Jill Bauer
- 18 Jerry & Sharon Lokie
- 20 Alan & Lynn Bohling Justus & Jolene Harms
- 22 Matthew & Alesha Vieselmeyer
- 26 Dale & Lori Schardt
- 27 Kolby & Julianna Finke
- 29 Eugene & Patricia Mueller

REMINDERS



September Job Duty

| Brad Cooper | |
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| Tanner Bauer | |
| Barb Schardt | |
| Anthony & | |
| Karla Deepe | |
| Rod & Sheryl | |
| Achterberg | |
| Dale Endorf | |
| Mike Zucker | |
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The Junior High Youth group kicked off a new year with a great evening of fellowship. It was a chilly evening, but we visited, roasted hot dogs and s'mores, and played croquet at our August event.

In September, we will again be serving at the Foster Care Closet, helping with their seasonal changeover of clothes, and then having some fun at mini golf. If you have any donations for us to take to the Foster Care Closet, please leave them in the totes in the back pew and we will deliver them. If you'd like to find out more about the Foster Care Closet, you can look them up at http://fostercarecloset.org. We will also be setting up our giving tree again this year. Please take a look at the needs we have for this year and consider helping us make these events happen. Feel free to ask someone to join you, meeting one of our needs as well. We appreciate all of the support you provide for our group!



Walk Thru the Bible - Join us on September 10 from 4:00pm-7:30pm for the Walk Thru the Bible event at the Thayer County Activity Center. The event will include a free meal. We will look at the big picture of the New Testament in a fun, clear, and interactive way. This event is hosted by St Peter, Peace, and Abiding Word. A free will offering will be taken to help reduce the costs of the event. If you plan to attend, please contact the church office and let us know.



LWML Nebraska District South Retreat, September 15 & 16

Camp Covenant Cedars, Hordville. Need a break? Feeling overwhelmed? Come, Feast on the Comfort of God's Word at the LWML NE District South Retreat, September 15 & 16 in Hordville.

Registration is on Friday from 4-5:30 pm with dinner to follow. Our retreat ends on Saturday at 4:00 pm. Located at beautiful Camp Covenant Cedars www.cedars.org) in Hordville, we will have a wide variety of activities available, along with Bible study and fellowship. Water activities, s'mores, childcare, craft projects. servant events, singing, transportation around camp, and even a message are all available for your weekend. Many Bible studies can be done individually, in a small group, or with a larger group during your schedule, giving you time for refreshing activities. The cost is \$110, which includes all expenses; less for first timers, teens, and children. You can Learn more at http://www.lwmlnesouth.org/2023 retreat 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.



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.





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.



September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Elder Acolyte Flowers Envelope Committee | Brad Cooper Tanner Bauer Barb Schardt Anthony & Karla Deepe Rod & Sheryl Achterberg Dale Endorf Mike Zucker | | | | Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders Pastor Brian Gone | Pastor Brian Gone |
| Pastor Brian Gone 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion | Pastor Brian Gone Offices Closed | 5 | 6 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation | 7 10am DLS Chapel 7pm LWML | 8 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders | 9 |
| 9:45am Worship 4pm Walk Thru the Bible | 7pm Agape Readers | 12 | 13 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation | 14 10am DLS Chapel | Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders | 16 |
| 9:45am Worship | 8pm DLS School Board Meeting | 19 11:30am Pastor @ Circuit Meeting | 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation | 21 10am DLS 7th & 8th Grade Chapel | Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders and Newsletter Assembly | 23 |
| 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion | 25 7pm Men's Bible Study | 26 | 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation | 28 10am DLS Chapel | 29 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders | 30 |

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