



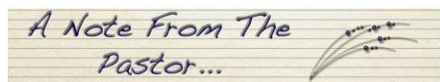
November 2023

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

What are you thankful for? When life is going along pretty well, it is easy to come up with an answer to share. When life is difficult, it can be hard to think of things that you are thankful for. As we go into November, when we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it is good for us to continue to stop and ponder the blessings in our lives and say "Thank you" to God for them.

Paul writes in Philippians 4, "Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." It is easy to get anxious and worry about things in our lives. In the midst of our anxiety and worry, we need to stop and ponder what God has actually given to us. God has given us so many blessings that we take for granted so many times. God provides us with everything we need in our lives. Yes, we may not always have what we want, but we have everything we need. Our God is so generous, gracious and compassionate.

There are a number of ways we can express our gratitude to God. First, we can simply say "Thank you" in our prayers. Second, we can use the blessings that He has given us for good and not evil and we can use them for the benefit of others that they might know about Jesus as well. God doesn't give us blessings just for our own personal use. He wants us to think about how we can use those things to share with others.

I continue to be so thankful that I am the pastor here. The Lord has truly blessed me in so many ways as a pastor. It is a great blessing to see how God continues to grow us as a body of Christ and how God continues to work in and through your lives as you continue to love and serve the people around you. The encouragement and support that you give me as your pastor is truly humbling.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,
Pastor Brian



Stewards What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us,

and bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

— LCMS Stewardship Ministry:
lcms.org/stewardship

4 th Quarter 10-1-2023	
Membership	10-1-2023
Baptized.....	297
Confirmed.....	244
Voting members	209
MEMBERSHIP GAINS	
Through Affirmation of Faith	
Through Baptism	
Through Transfer	
MEMBERSHIP LOSSES	
Through Transfer	
Through Release	
OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS	
End of 4th Quarter 12-31-2023	
Baptized	
Confirmed.....	
Voting members	

Financial Update

As of October 15, 2023 (42 Sundays)

General Budget	
Offerings Received	\$294,371.32
Offerings Budgeted	\$318,643.50
Difference	\$24,272.18
Missions-Nebraska District Support	
Goal	\$5,654
Received	\$3,532
Difference	\$2,122



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
11/05	"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"		
	Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)		
11/12	"Again, and Again and Again"		
	Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4)		
11/19	"Until that Day"		
	Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)		
11/26	"Loving Mercy"		
	Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy (Matthew 25:34-40)		



"Prayer" By Michael DeFazio

In this series, Michael DeFazio will walk you through the spiritual discipline of prayer. He will explore how to pray, what to pray, answer questions about prayer, and engage in many other topics surrounding prayer, in order to expand one's knowledge of communicating with our Father.

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.



Safe All Along by Katie Davis Majors November 13th

Our book group will gather on November 13th to discuss the book *Safe All Along* by Katie Davis Majors. If you enjoy reading, we invite you to come and be part of our discussion. We will also have the list for 2024 this night.



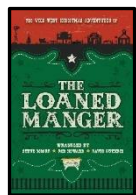
From the Principal's Desk – November 2023

Hard to believe the school year is already moving into the month of November. DLS is looking forward to another exciting month of school activities. There are several upcoming events we invite you to attend!

We hope you will be joining us for the 2023 DLS Biennial Dinner-Auction on November 18th at the Thayer County Activities Center. We are thankful to everyone that is contributing to the event in any way. It is always a BIG PROJECT and certainly takes many hands. God has tremendously blessed DLS through the Biennial Dinner-Auction over the years and we are excited to see what he will do this year! Be sure to get your tickets in by November 1 to get the early-bird price discount and to help assist our planning committee. Contact Roberta Laaker at 402-984-7874 or bertfinke@hotmail.com to make reservations or get ticket information. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Be sure to watch for your Auction Catalog and be sure to read the details of how the silent auction

will be run before Nov 18. We are looking forward to an amazing night and hope that you will join us in support of the Christ-centered school ministry of DLS!

Join us on Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm for the Wild West Christmas Adventure of *The Loaned Manger*! If you enjoy Christmas programs and Westerns, like *The Lone Ranger*, you need to join us for a fun plot, great music, and the best message of all. Guests are also invited to our dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 2 at 1:15. Students have been working hard on the production. Our performance is coming quickly, and we hope you will attend. Please pray that the message of *The Loaned Manger*! will touch the hearts of all who watch it in a powerful way!



The Deshler Lutheran School Association Annual Meeting is coming up on Sunday, November 5. This year's meeting will be at St. Peter-Deshler at 7:30 pm. We praise God for our Association. DLS would not be here without you. We encourage all Association members to attend. You are a vital part of the ministry of DLS and coming to the meeting keeps you connected. We hope you will join us!

On November 9 at 10:00, Mrs. Mumm's 1-2 Grade Classroom will be leading chapel. You are invited to attend all of our chapel services, but we especially welcome you to join us for our classroom chapel services.

On November 10 at 10:00, DLS students will be attending the Veteran's Day program at Deshler High School. Our K-2 students will be performing as part of the program. What a great community event this is! We praise God for all our active duty and retired military personnel. Thank you for your service and sacrifice for our country! We greatly appreciate all you are doing and have done for our country. God Bless you!

Students in grades 7-8 have been busy learning many things. In Algebra 1, we are learning how to attack multi-step equations. In science, we are learning about the periodic table, compounds, molecules, and chemical equations. Proper usage of punctuation has been

the focus in English. In social studies, we have been learning about landforms and topographical maps. Students are enjoying reading the *Treasure Island* in literature class. And we went from preparing our chapel on the Fall of Jericho to building, creating, memorizing, and performing for our musical, *The Loaned Manger*! We have a good group that has been fun to work with!

On October 18th, we enjoyed celebrating our pastors as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. We were blessed to have four local Pastor Brian, Pastor Flores, Pastor Love, and Pastor Schaffer join us. Mrs. Jarchow provided us with an amazing chili and cinnamon roll meal. The students were able to eat and spent some time with a pastor before performing a short program, which included: the 7-8 graders sharing Scripture, a song by our Kindergartners, a preview song from the 5-8 musical, and K-8 sang our theme song. We praise God for all that our pastors due for the congregations, our communities, and to DLS! Thank you, Pastor Brian & Pastor Flores, for all you do for our school!

Please continue to keep the ministry of Deshler Lutheran School in your prayers. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in mighty ways in the lives of our students, families, staff, churches, and community! Thank you for the important role you play and may we all grow more and more "Connected in Christ!"

In Christ,

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

Calendar Events:

11/2	Chapel @ 10
11/2	5-8 Musical Dress
	Rehearsal @ 1:15— <i>The Loaned Manger</i>
11/3	5-8 Musical @ 7:00 PM— <i>The Loaned Manger</i>
11/5	DLS Association Meeting
	7:30 pm @St. Peter-Deshler
11/8	Early Dismissal 1:50
11/9	Chapel @ 10: 1-2
	Classroom Chapel
11/10	Veteran's Day Program
	@DHS
11/16	Chapel @ 10
11/18	DLS Biennial Dinner-
	Auction
11/20	DLS Board of Education
	Meeting

11/22-24	No School – Thanksgiving
Break	
11/30	Chapel @ 10



Deshler Lutheran School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2023

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

Visitors: Rachel McCown

Trent opened with devotion.

The agenda stood approved as presented.

There was no visitor input.

Minutes stood approved as presented.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund: \$15,950.43

Hot Lunch: \$20,213.63

Needs Account: \$55,576.96

Chapel Account: \$101.27

Library Fund: \$2,060.06

CD: \$6,500.52

LCMS Foundation: \$8,147.45

Extension Fund: \$42,679.61

Justus Harms made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report; Seconded by Gage Baker. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: Nothing to report.

Pastors Report: Nothing to report.

Administrators Report:

1. Enrollment Update for 23-24 – There are a total of 59 students.

2. Flowers a month club – there are 33 members that signed up.
3. 5-6 Red Cross Blood Drive.
4. Field Trips – 7-8 picked grapes in Superior, 3-4 went to Ag Adventure.
5. Singing at Trinity Friedensau on September 24th.
6. Chapel Project – Levites Underprivileged Children's Ministry in Kathmandu.
7. Blessings- 2 donations for scholarships were received. Mrs. McCown and Mrs. Mumm are expecting after the first of the year.
8. Chapel Class Schedule Update – Changes have been made to the Chapel schedule for the rest of the year.
9. Water Jamboree – 5-6 are attending on September 20th.
10. See You at the Pole – September 27th.
11. Great Plains Lutheran Educators Conference on October 14-16th.

Old Business:

- A. Kitchen
 1. The fruits and vegetable snack grant was received. Thanks to Jean Schardt for submitting it.
 2. Stove Update – looking at different options for commercial stove purchase.
 3. Equipment Grant – there could be a possibility for a grant for a new stove.
 4. Smoothie Machine – The purchase of a machine has been put on hold for now.
- B. Dinner Auction – Taking place on November 18th.
- C. Playground – Still needing to add woodchips. Trying to get a grant for them.
- D. EANS II – Currently waiting on the State of Nebraska for more information.
- E. Constitution Review- Tabled

New Business:

- A. Concordia Plans 2024 – A motion was made by Justus Harms to keep the current Option C; Seconded by Logan Schardt. Motion carried.
- B. Budget 2024 – This will be drafted at the October meeting.

Dates to Remember:

- A. 10/12-13 No school.
- B. 10/16 Board of Education Meeting at 8:00

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeremy Schardt; seconded by Tyler Stengel.

Pastor Flores closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms.

Kindergarten



We decided to write this article interview-style!

Kindergarten, what is your favorite thing about DLS so far?

Bryndal - "The Teachers teach us more things and teach us that Jesus is with us *always!* And EVERY Teacher teaches us about Jesus."

Casen - "I like that there's classwork about art, and I love Mrs. Reinke."

Kora - "People teach us more about Jesus! We have great, healthy food here, and we are all kind to each other, and love one another!"

Mathew - "I really like Mrs. Reinke, and I really like my friends."

1st and 2nd Grade.



The 1st and 2nd graders have had a lot of fun learning about different kinds of plants, growing their own bean seeds, and watching as it transitions to Autumn outside. They got to create Leaf Art with the colorful leaves. They had the opportunity to join Parkview Haven residence in their afternoon BINGO and had fun with that! They'll be preparing for their chapel that they will lead on November 9th.

3rd and 4th Grade.



Hello from the 3rd and 4th grade classroom!

We have had a pretty busy month! We started off the month of October with learning about fire safety. We are so thankful for the Deshler Fire Department for taking time out of their busy fall schedules to come teach us about what to do if there is a fire in our school or home. We are so blessed by some wonderful volunteers! Thank you to them! We have also been learning about the Northeast Region of our country. It is really interesting to learn about how different that region is from us, yet we all still have a common theme- our country! Thank you again for your support of our school!

In Christ,

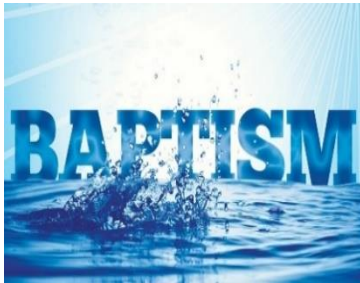
Mrs. Rachel McCown

Pictured: (L-R Back row): Firefighter, Kolby Finke, Alex Morales, Savannah Patterson, Maddyn Harms, Wyatt Kane, Cameron Schardt, Chase Laaker, Jase Stengel, Katherine Holley, Laynee Hudson

(L-R, 1st row): Casey Laaker, Brooklyn Spellman, Kade Stengel, Izzy Scollin, Kaylin Kidwell, Aadyynn Justus



- 5 Campbell Bohling
Kinzley Bohling
- 6 Evan Endorf
- 10 Jaden Siegle
- 12 Carol Sorge
- 13 Larry Lueders
- 16 John Noojin
- 19 Jadelyn Calkins
- 20 Dillon Schardt
- 21 Colleen Kruse
Milo Finke
- 24 Douglas Schardt
- 25 David Larkins
Lori Schardt
- 26 Naomi Grupe
- 27 Marilyn Bargaen
Nancy Lueders
- 28 Tanner Bauer
- 30 Reese Harms



- 1 River Kruse
- 3 Kalli Farnstrom
William Finke
- 4 Brooks Kresser
- 5 Monica Bohling
- 6 Janice Klaumann
Kalab Reinke
- 7 Ryder Kruse
- 11 Bryce Sedlachek
- 13 Annette Ohlrich
- 15 Pamela Lemke
- 16 Helen Watson
- 19 Karla Deepe
Kora Betten
- 20 Allie Vieselmeyer
- 21 Janet Robertson
- 22 Kayson Biltott
- 30 Cooper Laaker



- 2 Kevin & Kaitlyn Kruse
- 4 Hayden & Shelby Farnstrom
- 18 David & Janet Larkins
- 21 Everett & Marilyn Schardt
- 23 Bruce & Tami Finke
- 28 Steven & Beverly Harms

REMINDERS



November Job Duties

Elder	Matt Bohling
Acolyte	Barrett Harms
Flowers	Linda Peters
Envelope Committee	Dale & Janice Klaumann Rod & Sheryl Achterberg
Sound	Steve Harms
Video	Reinold Kruse
Backpacks	Becky Reinke



The Junior High Youth Group is very thankful for all of your support! Thank you for your contributions through the giving tree in September and for your donations at the taco/nacho meal in October. Your help is what makes our group possible, and we are very grateful for you and all of the support that you provide.

In November, we are planning to go to the Nebraska District LCMS Middle School Youth Gathering in Columbus on November 4-5 with a group of eight youth from our area. Please pray for us to have a safe trip and for the faith of everyone attending the event to be strengthened. Thank you again to all who donated to make this trip affordable for the youth and sponsors attending.



St. Peter Lutheran Women's Missionary League

September 7, 2023

To begin our gathering, hostess Carol served refreshments. Anita asked the eight members present to pick out two Christian refrigerator magnets with the instructions to keep one and give one to a friend.

Sharon led the Bible study "Always Thankful."

Anita opened the business meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the July 6, 2023, meeting were read, approved and will be placed on file. Barb gave the treasurer's report, and it is to be placed on file.

Joyce gave the quilt report. Joy brought a lot of boxes of sheets for us to use. Nancy has 94 sets of tops and bottoms ready for us to start on. Quilting will start in January.

We were reminded that the LWML NE South District retreat September 15-16 at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp in Hordville, NE.

The LWML Deshler Zone Rally will be Saturday morning, October 7, 2023, at St. Peter's, Davenport. It will begin at 9:00am. The theme is "Let Your Light So Shine" and guest speaker will be Rev. Michael Awe.

LWML Sunday is the second Sunday in October. Our group will celebrate it on that day, October 8. Plans will be made to share information about LWML with the congregation. LWML members will serve refreshments after the church service. Each member is asked to bring 2 dozen bars or cookies. Carol made a motion that the LWML offering be given to Mercy Meals that are shipped by Orphan Grain Train. Sharon seconded the motion and it passed. Barb looked up some

information on Mercy Meals and shared that every \$15.00 provides 500 meals.

Election of officers will take place at the November 2, 2023, meeting. President-Anita, Christian Life-Sharon, and Secretary-Sheryl all stated they are open to remaining in their positions for another term - making the nominating committee's job easy.

Joyce, who makes the Baptismal Banners and heads up Quilting, will also continue to serve.

The November hosts will be Sheryl and Linda.

The Mites offering was collected while singing "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying." Anita closed with prayer.

Secretary,
Sheryl Achterberg

LWML will gather on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 P.M. for Bible Study and fellowship. Ladies, come join us!



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, My Devotions, Portals



of Prayer, Life Date, Faith Mentor Info, Announcements, Books, 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.



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	2 10am DLS Chapel 1:15pm DLS 5-8 Musical Dress Rehearsal 7pm LWML 7:30pm Nominating Committee	3 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders 7pm DLS 5-8 Musical	4
5 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Sunday School & Bible Class 7:30pm DLS Association Meeting	6 7:30pm Elders Meeting	7	8 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 1:50pm DLS Early Dismissal 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	9 10am DLS 1st & 2nd Grade Chapel	10 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	11
12 9:45am Worship 11am Sunday School & Bible Class	13 7pm Agape Readers	14	15 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	16 10am DLS Chapel 6:30pm Bible Study @ Faith	17 Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders	18 4pm DLS Auction @ Fairgrounds
19 9:45am Worship 11am Sunday School & Bible Class	20 7:30pm DLS Board of Education Meeting	21 1:30am Pastor @ Circuit Meeting	22 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders and Newsletter Assembly No School @ DLS	23 No School @ DLS 9:45am Thanksgiving Service	24 No School @ DLS Pastor's Sabbath	25
26 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Family Church Decorating	27 7pm Men's Bible Study	28	29 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation	30 10am DLS Chapel	November Job Duties Elder Matt Bohling Acolyte Barrett Harms Flowers Linda Peters Envelope Dale & Janice Klaumann Committee Rod & Sheryl Achterberg Sound Steve Harms Video Reinold Kruse Backpacks Becky Reinke	



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