



# Home Mission Monthly Summary

Report Month Range: Jan 2021 - Nov 2021

## Divine Savior Lutheran Church-Liberty Hill

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 United States

WELSource ID: 26712

Numbers reported are identified by icons:  
 \* Average  
 ~ Total

### Personal Contacts

	Pastor	Laity
*First-time contact with new prospects:	21	0
*Prospect law/gospel presentation:	3	0
*Electronic personal contact with prospects:	5	0
*Other contact with prospects:	0	0
<b>*Total prospect contacts:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>
Total number of prospects, September 2021:	51	
Total member contacts, September 2021:	12	0

### E-news and Social Media Contacts

No e-news or social media

### Personal Contacts Comments

No comments

### Communicant Membership Changes

~Confirmations - children:	1	~Deaths (communicant members only):	0
~Confirmations - adults:	2	~Transferred to sister congregation:	0
~Received by profession of faith:	2	~Joined other Christian church:	1
~Transferred from sister congregation:	7	~Removals:	4
<b>Total communicants gained:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total communicants lost:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total communicants:</b>	<b>Dec 2020</b>	<b>Net gain/loss</b>	<b>Sep 2021</b>
	55	7	63

## Other Membership Statistics

~Adult baptisms:	1	Total baptized members, September 2021:	98
~Child baptisms:	0	Additional prospects under your spiritual care, September 2021:	17
<b>Total baptisms:</b>	<b>1</b>		

## Membership Comments

Report Month	Comment
Aug 2021	<p>I've been playing slow pitch softball with some guys from my community. One of them recently reached out saying he'd like to be baptized. So we got together, went over my lesson on baptism, and I baptized him a week later!</p> <p>This month we had teacher installation and new member welcome! We had 9 adults join our church!</p>
Jul 2021	<p>We had a family of three move to Marble Falls awhile ago. They told me they probably wouldn't make the drive. That's proven to be the case. Last I heard they were trying other Christian churches in Marble Falls.</p> <p>The other one moved up to Dallas during college. Kept in touch. Tried to push her toward the churches up there. She has graduated, permanently moved up there and is now non responsive to me. So, we removed her from the rolls.</p> <p>I also somehow missed a few members that joined. Before these moves we were at 89 baptized members.</p>
May 2021	We had our very first 8th grade confirmation!
Apr 2021	I didn't have a member get baptized, but I did have a random woman stop by asking to be baptized. I met with her and talked with her about what was going on in her life. Then asked her to come back the next day to cover baptism and be baptized, which she did! Pretty cool to be part of that.
Mar 2021	<p>We had a member who originally came from LCMS go back to LCMS. She had been here 4 or 5 years and was involved in a lot of things. She had a hard time with the sudden growth because we asked her to give up some of what she was doing so others could serve.</p> <p>We lost her to DSC but not to the Kingdom. We met a week ago and all is good. She's not upset anymore and it ended on good terms. She's back at her old church now getting served there.</p>
Jan 2021	We had our new 4th/5th grade teacher and his wife and baby join the church.

## Worship

*Average weekly attendance:	73
*Count of unique souls:	0
*Count of first-time visitors:	16
*Count of repeat prospects:	23
*Count of non prospects:	11

## Bible Study

*Average adult Bible class:	10
*Average youth Bible class:	0
*Average Sunday school:	17
*Bible Information Class prospects:	0
*Bible Information Class members:	0

## Attendance Comments

Report Month	Comment
Sep 2021	*Attendance had a huge boost with 177 on the day when our 4th-6th graders sang. **attendance without that Sunday was 80 *** First time guest numbers don't include 4th-6th grade families that showed up just for that day.
Jul 2021	Low: 37 High: 93
May 2021	There was a big drop off in attendance after Easter. It's almost like everyone was too busy as the school year closed.
Apr 2021	Easter we had 131 in attendance  Online attendance: 15
Mar 2021	We had our pre-k 4 year olds sing in church on Palm Sunday. 16 out of 18 students showed up. Just about every parent and some grandparents came as well. It was a packed Sunday! 123 people were in attendance that we were able to invite to Easter weekend services.

## Income

## Expenses

~Total local budget:	\$45,921.00	~CMO remitted:	\$10,327.00
~Total local offerings:	\$104,844.00	~CEF payment remitted:	\$0.00
~Total special gifts and offerings:	\$104,844.00		
~Subsidies received:	\$57,747.00		

## Finance Comments

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Sep 2021	Again, local budget does not include pastor's salary.  Total expenses for the month: \$11,995
Aug 2021	Total local expenses= \$10,844 (pastor salary)  \$15,000 was from one family. Special one time gift.
Jul 2021	The \$3501 for local budget doesn't include my salary.
May 2021	We have communicated with BHM that we don't need any more funding this fiscal year. We've written one check already but will write another to continue to reimburse the BHM with funds that aren't needed. We pray these can be used to support and spread God's kingdom elsewhere!

## Benchmarks

No benchmarks

## Benchmark Comments

Fiscal Year	Report Month	Comment
2020 - 2021	Jan 2021	Coming in February!

2020 - 2021

Feb 2021

Mission statement: Changing lives with Jesus as we worship, connect and serve.

Core values :

We Thrive on More Joy Than Guilt

Jesus frees us from the guilt of falling short. This message is called the gospel. It's what Christianity is all about. You will hear this in our sermons, see it in relationships, and experience it yourself in the assurance of God's grace through Jesus.

We Seek to Become More and More Like Jesus

While no one's perfect, we want to follow Jesus by putting into practice what He teaches us in the Bible. We encourage each other towards continued spiritual growth. With God's help we want to become disciples of Jesus who are continuously growing to become disciple makers for Jesus.

We Support Each Other Like a Family

Church isn't just what we do on Sunday mornings. It's who we are as we do life together during the week. We pray together, study God's Word together, and help carry each other's burdens. We don't want anyone to walk through life alone. We strive to create groups where people can feel like they belong and find Christians friends who become like family

We Take God's Truth Seriously

We are committed to faithfully teaching all of the Bible—even the parts that are difficult or make us feel uncomfortable. This keeps all of us humble. No one is better or above anyone else. We all need Jesus!

6 year goals

- 225 average worship attendance
- Campus be recognized in the community as a "Community Center"
- Well-established Youth Groups
- Rotation of Well Developed Praise band/Worship Teams.
- Offer many different small groups.
- Produce mature Christian leaders in church, home, and work.
- Look to plant a mission church

3 year goals

- 115 average worship attendance
- Open our facility to nonprofits in the area and Santa Rita Ranch events. (Here, Pat, talk about the director of fun and the events that could be held here)
- Have youth group up to 7th-8th grade
- Continuously offer 2-3 leadership development classes per year.
- Well-developed Praise band

1 year goals

- 75 average worship attendance
- Get more musicians/singers involved in music ministry.
- Look into a communication director
- Hold one leadership development class
- Expand our relationship with the Director of Fun at Santa Rita Ranch in hopes to partner with their events.
- Research potential groups to use the building and make community connections.

<b>2020 - 2021</b>	Apr 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1 CAP program offered</li> <li>-CARE program up and running (not elders but a care team that checks in, says hi, and help assimilate new people and maintain relationships with members)</li> <li>-Average 75 in worship</li> <li>- Figure out job description for a communication director</li> <li>-Establish the teams we need with updated job descriptions</li> <li>-Develop a relationship with Santa Rita's Director of Fun to get involved in their events.</li> <li>- Continue to develop small group and leaders.</li> </ul>
	Jun 2021	<p>Accomplishments This Summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We laid out a discipleship pathway. We want to be clear to parents that we aren't here just to disciple their kids but them as well. The path is Discover, Start, Grow, Engage, Integrate. We are getting ready to launch it on our specific Divine Savior campus. If you want to see what it looks like, here's the link:<a href="https://divinesaviorchurch.com/dscsrr/next-steps/">https://divinesaviorchurch.com/dscsrr/next-steps/</a></li> <li>- First Time Guest Follow Up- a member has owned this. I send her the first time guest contact info. She gets a gift bag ready and writes a nice note. I deliver the gift bag.</li> <li>- Shepherd Program- Five families will be serving as shepherds. They will pray for their families, communicate when new small groups/bible studies are starting and invite them, be intentional of greeting them on Sunday morning and at different events, etc. As we grow, we don't want our members too slip through the cracks. This is us trying to intentionally care for them and be the Divine Savior Family.</li> <li>- Communication Director- we are currently looking for someone in our congregation to help with communication. Taking on our weekly newsletter and overseeing social media.</li> <li>- Coffee Nook- finally is being "owned" by a member. Big relief to me.</li> <li>- Communion Set Up/Supplies- finally being "owned" by a member. Big relief to me.</li> <li>- Outreach Team- We have a group of four that are planning our events and how we will intentionally reach out to the community. Thankfully one of our leaders is leading that team. I don't sit on the team itself, but they report to me.</li> </ul>

## Share the rest of your story!

Category	Report Month	Comment
<b>Education</b>	Sep 2021	We launched our small groups. We have three going. 2 sermon based ones and 1 women's group. Between the three we have 31 adults signed up. In addition we have Sunday morning Bible study as well. In there we have an additional 4 that aren't in a group during the week. So we have around 35 adults in some kind of small group/bible study.
	Jul 2021	We are gearing up for September when we'll have our small groups start again. This time last year we had one small group, one Sunday morning Bible study, and one Starting Point class. This year we are gearing up for 4 small groups, Sunday morning Bible Study, and a Starting Point class. God continues to grow and develop people!
<b>Elders</b>	Jul 2021	We started a shepherd's program. We have five families that are serving as shepherds to our members/regular attenders. God has blessed us with people who want to serve and care of others!

<b>Elders</b>	May 2021	We are getting ready to launch a "shepherd" program. This won't be quite elders, but similar. We will ask the shepherds to care for five families by praying for them, communicating to them up coming events, recruit for small groups and Bible studies, and greet them Sunday mornings. It is an "encouragers" role. The goal is that people don't slip through the cracks, and the prayer is this make even a more family feel to our church.
<b>Other</b>	Jul 2021	Communication director: we have added this volunteer position. She's going to be in charge of communicating everything that is going on, and help oversee our social media. This could easily grow into a full time position, but we are starting slowly and seeing if she's the right fit.
	Jul 2021	August 29th is a big day for us. We are installing our new teachers, welcoming 9 new adults into our membership, and having a giant potluck. 2 of those members went through BIC, another 2 profession of faith, 5 transferred (3 teachers and a couple who moved from Arizona.)
	Jul 2021	We are losing a huge component to our ministry. Aislinn, our part time worship coordinator, is moving to Wisconsin the first week of January. We've added one piano player and one singer to our congregation. However, the one piano player is a first year teacher. We can't rely on her to play every week. The singer is a working mom and can't sing every week. So we'll be scrambling to replace Aislinn as soon as we can. I think going back to mp3/iTunes recorded music would be a mistake. The demographics we are in would not go for that anymore. But our God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. He will lead us and guide us to the right person/plan.
	Feb 2021	We completed our VTO with Matt Vogt and presented our plans to the congregation. They are attached above this. We are all really excited to get working toward these goals.
<b>Outreach</b>	Jun 2021	Read the bottom one first! This year we are going to be pushing 200 students. As I write this on July 8th, we are sitting at 177 students. Students + parents= close to 400 people. Not to mention church growth even outside of the school. Our church currently has 84 members. That's 484 people that I'm trying to pastor or develop relationships to pastor. With the comment below, we have a tremendous opportunity here and really need to start thinking about adding an additional pastor. This has been in my prayers as we consider how to take advantage of what the Lord is bringing to our front doors!
	Jun 2021	I received this text from a mom in our school: "The amount of non-practicing Christians/non believers sending their kids to DSA this fall from the neighborhood that I know of is blowing my mind! I literally have never seen anything like it in 30 years of being in Christian schools. an opportunity is before us. How exciting it is to be a part of this challenge." We are getting the harvest field!
	May 2021	I'm working with a member to set up a first time guest follow up process. She will make a gift back and bring it to me so that I can make the visit thanking that individual for coming to worship with us. This conversation is led by our member and she is excited to get this up and running.

## Attachments

No attachments