



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of May 8, 2022

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We extend a warm welcome to all of the mothers and grandmothers who are here worshipping with us today! Our prayer is that your special day will be full of joy, and also that God would give you strength and wisdom every day for the important role that He has given you.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY COMPLETION REQUEST FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

The Call process has started and as we begin our search for a new senior pastor, the Call Committee would like the congregation's help with 3 things:

1. **Pray** – Please pray for the committee, for the process to follow God's will, and for the potential candidates.

2. **Complete the Congregation Self Study Survey** – An electronic survey was sent as an email last week and included in the Friday newsletter. If you did not receive it, you can visit with a committee member after each service this weekend or pick up a paper copy in the Atrium to complete and return to a Call Committee member or the church office. This survey is an opportunity for you to share what ministries are important to you and what qualities and skills the congregation should consider as we call a new senior pastor. **THE DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MAY 8TH.**

3. **Submit Candidates for Consideration** – The Call Committee is seeking names of pastors to be considered. A dozen names have been received so far, but the more we can review the better. You can submit those names to me at jsnell@rdotc.com

On behalf of the committee, I thank you for your prayers. We will keep you up to date with how the process is going and you can reach out to me anytime.

Call Committee Chair, Jason Snell

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH – THE GIDEONS

A member of The Gideons International will join us at the end of each service on May 14 – 15 to share about their ministry in providing God's Word and growing God's Kingdom. The Gideons place Scriptures in hotels, motels, hospitals, prisons and other facilities around the world to spread God's word. Please consider giving to a door offering that weekend to support the work of the Gideons. Please make checks out to Divine Shepherd. The Gideons are our Ministry of the Month for May.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR HANNEMANN

Dear Friends in Christ,
Sandy and I want to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful farewell event on April 24. Thank you for all the kind words, thoughtful cards and notes, generous and special gifts, warm hugs, and special memories shared that day! A special word of thanks to all those who planned the event and helped in any way, and those who participated in the program that day: Ken and Lisa Mar, Jennie Smith, Jenny Darr, Pastor Leroy Gerner, Aaron Bressman, Tim Vandeberghe, Pastor Jim Rasmussen, Stuart Bartruff, Pastor Doug Morton, the Chancel Choir, the staff, and the Elders. We count ourselves blessed to have been a part of the Divine Shepherd family. Thank you for your prayers, support, encouragement, grace, forgiveness, and kindness over the years. May the Lord richly bless you all in the days ahead with his presence, power, and peace in Jesus, whose victory over death means life and ultimate reunion for us, his dearly loved

people, when we meet him and each other again face to face.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Mark and Sandy Hannemann

WELCOME – The church office welcomes April Gregory as office assistant and Joan Rowell as accounting assistant. Both will be helping on a part-time basis.

GREETERS NEEDED

We need greeters for the 8am service but will gladly take greeters for any service. Please contact Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463, mario87@windstream.net or call the church office 402-895-1500.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – JOY: A

STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS We invite you to join our Women's Bible Study meeting Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:15pm in the Shepherd's Room. We are starting a new book study on May 11, so it's the perfect time to jump in! We will be meeting most Wednesdays throughout the summer, but welcome you to come anytime you are able. Please contact jennydarr@dsomaha.org if you are interested so she can order books.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Read to Toddlers!

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is looking for some gentle hands and caring hearts to love on our Little Lambs. We care for 24 toddlers in two rooms! You may choose the day and the amount of time to volunteer to read, build towers, or play each week. Please contact Tonya@dsomaha.org or 402-714-3950. Thank you!!

GOURMET GROUP MAY OUTING

The next outing for the Gourmet Group will be at SaltGrass Restaurant, 301 N 175th St (Village Pointe), Omaha, on Sunday May 15th at 6PM. Please RSVP to Julie Schenk by May 11th so reservations can be made. New faces are always welcome. julieaschenk@gmail.com or 402-669-7662. Group: We need to hear from you too, don't forget.

MS & HS YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Check out all that's happening this summer for MS & HS Youth! More details and signups can be found online at dsomaha.org/summer. Pay close attention as these events have varying signup deadlines! Have Questions? [E-mail Spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:E-mail_Spencer@dsomaha.org).

MS & HS: Urban Plunge, Des Moines | June 3-5. An opportunity to serve and put your faith into action!

HS: Senior Blessing & Recognition | June 12, 8:15-10:30am. Breakfast hosted by the youth with a special blessing during the 9:30am service.

MS & HS: Worlds of Fun in KC | June 13. Spend the day riding rides and going down water slides!

HS: Paintball @ MadCow Paintball | June 26, 12:15-4pm.

HS: High School Youth Lock-in | July 29-30, 7pm-8am. Includes a super secret off-site activity!

MS: Middle School Youth Night | August 5, 6-11pm.

Be sure to check out the website and the youth social media pages for the most accurate information!

SUMMER PLANS FOR KIDS!

Summer is just around the corner! It's time to start planning activities for the kids during those long summer days. Please consider joining us for VBS and Summer Camps!

VBS: June 20-24 from 8:30-11:30am for kids 3 years old through 5th grade

Art Camp: June 6-9 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

LEGO Camp: June 13-15 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Community Camp: July 26-28 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org or contact Trish (trish@dsomaha.org).

THANK YOU Divine Shepherd, thank you for being so friendly to me and helping me with my walker, sending me cards, and praying for me. You have blessed me greatly. - Chris Dennis



Altar flowers are given by LaVerne & Cheryl Benck: "Thanks be to God for family and friends and continued good health."

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

We offer Bible Studies for men and women throughout the week. Please visit our website to learn more details about the Bible Studies:
<https://www.dsomaha.org/ministry/adults>

**E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP
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This Week's Calendar

Monday, May 9

10:00am **Women's Bible Study** The Gospel of John (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
7:00pm **Stephen Ministry Meeting** (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 10

1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

Wednesday, May 11

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:15pm **Women's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room) – Joy: A Study of Philipians

Thursday, May 12

6:00pm **"The Chosen" Bible study** (Chapel)
7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, May 13

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room)

Saturday, May 14

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

Sunday, May 15

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
9:30am **Bible Study** – "I Believe: The Creeds in My Life" (Commons) with Pastor Doug Morton
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton



Call the Church Office (895-1500) or e-mail prayers@dsomaha.org with prayer requests. Our Heartline Prayer Ministry members are notified via e-mail. In addition to our Pastors and Staff, our Elders serve as spiritual leaders for the congregation and will be happy to talk with you by phone or meet with you for prayer.

WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING

- For our 27 youth who were confirmed last Sunday. May they continue to walk and serve our mighty Lord and Savior.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Scott Jones**, hospitalized for 2 months
- **Sophia Hart**, recovering from illness
- **Paul Steege**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Gary Krichau**, recovering from surgery
- **Caiden Hansen**, recovering from surgeries
- **Mark & Kali Crane**, needing prayers
- **Gary Kamtz**, recovering from surgery
- **Mary Buss**, mother of John Buss, recovering from stroke
- **Mary Burch**, daughter of Bud Burch and sister of Jan Nelson, hospitalized in Springfield, Illinois and Brianna, granddaughter of Dave Nelson
- **Sharon Herzberg**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug, who was released from hospice, but still rehabilitating his hip
- **Michelle Connors**, daughter of Sherry & Brian Pickett, for safety for her and baby with at-risk pregnancy
- **Janine Podany**, for healing and relief from pain
- **Thiry Kern**, recovering from heart surgery
- **All those battling cancer: Paula Kresl, Doris Witecki, Gary Krichau, Victoria Rose Reed, Dale Sieber, Cynthia Petermann, Joe Niehaus** (son-in-law of Jenny Mosher), **Al Jankowski, Cyndee Earl, Gary Toelle, Bob Oberhauser, Laura Rogers, Sherri Flanagan, Donna Tatreau, Steve Jipp, and Daren Kizlin and his sister Angie**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **For the family of Gerald Maher** who went to be with the Lord on May 4

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Aaron Grelson, Tina Byrant, Christian Reinbold, Dan Lazinek, Sean Stone, Michael Hanson & Calvin Kruse
- **For those who serve in government:** for wisdom, guidance, and a seeking after God
- **For Christians around the world** who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus

FOR THE LORD'S BLESSING AND GUIDANCE

- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers