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For the Week of January 23, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Our Ministry of the Month for January is The Assure Women's Center of Omaha. This ministry has been on the front lines of the battle for life in our community for many years. We will have a speaker from Assure at each of our services this weekend. A special offering will be received at the door after each service. Make checks payable to "Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church" (you can include your envelope number) or give electronically on our website. For January, Assure Women's Center appears there as a giving option.

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Make plans to join us for our Comedy Night fundraiser on Friday, March 11 at 6:30pm featuring Omaha's Comedy Dad, Chris Scheufele! Tickets to the show, including a catered meal, are \$20/person and will be available starting Thursday, January 27th online at dsomaha.org/events or by contacting Spencer Owen. The youth group's live and silent auction will also be taking place that evening with pre-bidding available online or in the church atrium in the two weeks leading up to the Comedy Night. On-site childcare will also be available that evening for kids 6 months and older. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a night full of laughter here at Divine Shepherd!

CHILI COOK-OFF CANCELLED

After much careful and prayerful deliberation, we've made the decision to cancel the annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser for our youth group

given the current circumstances with COVID-19 in our community. We are still in the process of collecting items for our live and silent auction, which will now be held in conjunction with our Comedy Night fundraiser, featuring our very own Chris Scheufele, on Friday, March 11. Mark the date on your calendar! More information on this fundraiser will be announced in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support of our youth here at Divine Shepherd!

MIDWEEK MEALS SUSPENDED

We are suspending our Midweek meals until further notice due to a reduction of participation recently. We hope to be able to resume meals again soon.

Finance Update December 31, 2021 table with columns Budget and Actual, rows including DSLC Contributions, LLPC Tuition & Contributions, Total Income, DSLC Expense, LLPC Expense, Total Expense, and Net Operating Income.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR 2021-2022

- October The Lutheran Church of South Sudan
November GracePoint Institute for Relational Health
December Angel Tree
January Assure Women's Center
February Mission of Christ Network—Rev. Michael Parris (going to Asia)
March Lutheran Bible Translators—Rev. Dr. Brent Smith preaching

April	Lutheran World Relief School Kits
May	Gideons
June	New York City Church Planting— Pastor Sean Chapman
July	Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia—Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright
August	Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare
September	The Garuna Foundation—Schools in Cambodia

This schedule is subject to change. More details will be provided about how these ministries will be supported month to month. We thank God for these opportunities to make a difference in our community and around the world through these Gospel efforts.



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### LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

### FINAL FIRST COMMUNION

The final First Communion class of the year is coming up on Saturday, February 12th at 9am. This class is for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who would like to take part in Communion during worship. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth. More information and signup can be found online at [dsomaha.org/events](http://dsomaha.org/events).

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY VISIT

High School youth (and parents!) are invited to join Spencer on a visit to Concordia University Nebraska in Seward - just one hour west of Omaha - on Monday, February 21st! With more than 70 academic programs, CUNE might just have something for you! This is a free trip with no strings attached - even if you've made up your mind about college - join us for a day of exploring campus, visiting with professors and coaches, and talking to college students about their experience. More details and the signup to join the trip can be found online at [dsomaha.org/events](http://dsomaha.org/events).

### SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Seniors for the Lord plan to meet on February 2nd at 9:30am in the Trinity Center. "Questions for Pastor Mark." A Potluck Brunch during the meeting is planned. Please bring any items you would like to share.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS STARTING

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will begin Sunday, Feb. 6. This class is for those who don't have a background in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. The class will meet for seven weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Trinity Center on the lower level, and will be taught by the pastors. If you are interested in joining the congregation and have current or past membership in another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, only a one-hour orientation class is required. That will take place March 20 at 9:30 a.m. To enroll or inquire about either class, contact Pastor Jim in the church office, 402-895-1500, or [jim@dsomaha.org](mailto:jim@dsomaha.org).

### A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND!

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker or relative going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are member of Divine Shepherd or Grace Hill trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. To learn how you can help a friend receive care, contact Pastor Mark or Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or [mario87@windstream.net](mailto:mario87@windstream.net)

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

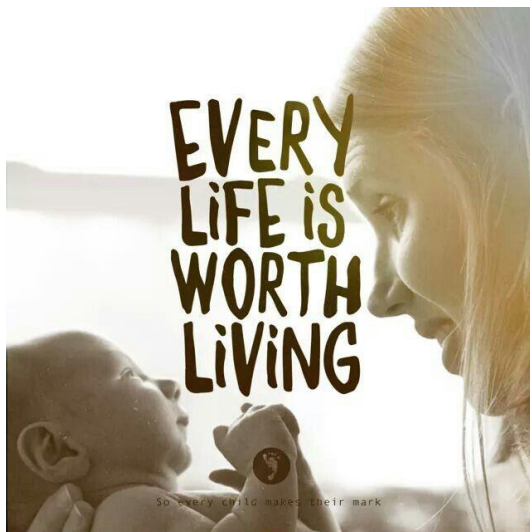
This is the time that many of us will be making New Year's Resolutions! If you would like to make a difference in someone's life during this new year, the Divine Shepherd Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite you to join our group! The long winter evenings ahead are perfect for knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl that will be given to someone in our community who has a need for comfort. Ministry members meet once a week to share prayer, friendship, and ideas. Yarn and instructions are provided and we will even teach you to knit or crochet. Won't you make a "resolution" to join us? **Our next meeting is Monday, January 24 at 1:00 PM in the Shepherd's Room.** If you have questions, contact Betty Buller at 402-490-3668 or [jimandbettybuller@gmail.com](mailto:jimandbettybuller@gmail.com)



**Altar flowers** are given in celebration of January family birthdays by Lyle & Linda Kruse.

## 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>



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## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, January 24

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

### Tuesday, January 25

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Chapel)

### Wednesday, January 26

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**  
5:00-6:00pm **Meal in the gym**  
6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

### Thursday, January 27

7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

### Friday, January 28

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

### Saturday, January 29

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

### Sunday, January 30

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



Call the Church Office (895-1500) or e-mail [prayers@dsomaha.org](mailto: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

- **Thanksgiving** that we have received an offer for the purchase of our land at 168th and Giles. May the Lord's will be done.

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **Rev. Ron Gocken**, former Divine Shepherd pastor, in hospice care
- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Duane Stohs**, healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Pastor Bob Ziegler**, uncle of Patty Mollring, for healing
- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **Chris Dennis**, upcoming shoulder surgery
- **All those battling cancer: 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 OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **For the honoring and defense of God's gift of life**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Aaron Grelson
- **Law enforcement personnel, first responders, and front-line medical workers**
- **For those who serve in government, for wisdom, guidance, and courage**
- **For Christians around the world** who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus
- **For the pandemic to subside**

### 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
- **Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright**, serving as instructor for Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry