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For the Week of April 17, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SCHOOL KIT PACKING PIZZA PARTY

During this past season of Lent, we have been collecting school supplies for kids around the world who need them. Our Ministry of the Month for April is Lutheran World Relief – School Kits. Our goal is to gather enough items to assemble and create 1000 School Kits!! Can you help? You are invited to help assemble these kits this Wednesday, April 20 from 6:15-7:30pm. We will have a FREE pizza dinner from 5:30-6:00pm before our Packing Party begins at 6:15pm in the gym.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR THE HANNEMANNS

"The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way." – Psalm 37:23
As Pastor Mark mentioned in his Call Decision Reached communique: "My plan was to continue serving at Divine Shepherd until retirement in a few years, but God had other plans." While we are saddened that Pastor Mark and Sandy will be leaving Divine Shepherd, we rejoice that Pastor Mark will continue to serve the LCMS and the Kingdom by providing faithful pastoral care and counseling services to LCMS pastors and their families. This is a Divine Call!

Pastor Mark has effectively, tirelessly, and faithfully served Divine Shepherd with his time, talents, and treasures as Senior Pastor for the past fourteen years. During this timeframe, the ministry of Divine Shepherd has focused on "connecting people to Jesus, and to his family, the Church". Well done good and faithful servant!

In recognition of Pastor Mark's service to Divine Shepherd, an "Appreciation Luncheon" for Pastor

Mark and Sandy is planned for noon on Sunday, April 24th in the gym. A catered lunch will be served. All congregants are invited to attend. (See sign-up below). This will be an opportunity to express our gratitude to Sandy and Pastor and to extend our best wishes for their transition to a new ministry in Michigan. If you are unable to attend, please keep Pastor Mark and Sandy in your prayers. -Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President

Appreciation Luncheon Meal Details Sunday, April 24, Noon in the gym

Menu:

Adult Meal - Roast Beef and Bourbon Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Tossed Salad and Roll.

Kid's Meal - 2pc chicken tender, macaroni and cheese, applesauce cup.

Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Kids.

Drinks and desserts will also be provided.

Register online or at the table in the Atrium.

Meal registration deadline extended to Tuesday, April 19.

"REMEMBER WHEN..."

As we reflect on Pastor Mark's 14 years of ministry with us, we hope to give him a thoughtful and joyful farewell. We invite you to contribute to a "Remember When..." for Pastor Mark. Write briefly about a treasured memory or the impact he has had on this church. We will read these memories at his Appreciation Luncheon on April 24th. You can submit your memory online on our website or in writing to the church office. *Please submit your "Remember When..." by Tuesday, April 19.*

CALL COMMITTEE

"Where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."
Proverbs 11:14

As denoted in Article III of the DSLC bylaws: "As the need arises to call a pastor, the President of the congregation shall appoint a Call Committee....the Call Committee is responsible for determining the congregation's specific needs, identifying, and evaluating candidates, and making recommendations to the Congregation Assembly." In response to Pastor Mark's decision to accept a Divine Call from Good Friend Ministries, I have appointed a pastoral Call Committee.

I am pleased to appoint the following congregational members to the Call Committee:

-Jason Snell, Elder and Chair of the Call Committee

-Barb Meier, Board of Directors

-Brad Kingsbury, Board of Directors

-Ken Mar, Board of Directors and Head Elder

-Andy Holdt, Elder

-Trish Reinbold, Commissioned Teacher

-Spencer Owen, Commissioned DCE

-Kevin Lammers, Member

-Stacy Gibbons, At-Large Member

These committee members faithfully serve Divine Shepherd and will bring Christ-centered perspectives to the call process. As part of the process, the Call Committee will request pastor candidate names from the congregation and the Nebraska LCMS District President. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers. If you have any questions or comments for the Call Committee, please feel free to contact a committee member. It is the intent of the Call Committee to regularly update the congregation regarding the status of the call process. The Lord will Provide! - Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President

GILES PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

On February 3, 2022, DSLC executed a Purchase Agreement to sell our property at 168th & Giles. Jennie Smith and I have been in regular contact with the buyer's agent, and we have been assured that the "inspection" process is proceeding as expected for the buyer. The purchasers have engaged an attorney to prepare a re-zoning and plan development application for the property. We have provided copies of all pertinent property information and

documentation to the buyer. The residence tenant's attorney has also advised us that the tenant is planning to vacate the house in April. Moreover, per agreement with the buyer, the farm tenant will be retained to plant and harvest a crop during this growing season. Please pray for a successful outcome for the sale of this property. - Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Come hold babies!

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is looking for some gentle hands and caring hearts to love on our Littlest Lambs. We will have sixteen babies in two infant rooms in our care! You may choose the day and the amount of time to volunteer to rock, feed and snuggle babies each week. Please contact Tonya@dsomaha.org or 402-714-3950. Thank you!!

SENIORS FOR THE LORD MAY MEETING

Potluck (fried chicken furnished) meal on May 4 at 10am in the Trinity Center for Planning Meeting for activities starting this fall. Bring your favorite dishes AND suggestions for programs and/or tours. Anyone is welcome. Call Clarice Howard, 402-934-7237, for reservations (to plan on the amount of chicken to order).

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We are looking for people to care for babies and toddlers in our Nursery. This is a paid position with most hours needed during the 9:30 and 10:45 Sunday services, but may also be needed during the Saturday evening service or during other Bible studies or events. If interested, please call or email Trish at (402) 895-1500 ext. 215 or trish@dsomaha.org.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY & PLANT SALE– Saturday, May 7 from 8 - Noon

Attention Volunteers and Families: Join in on Spring Clean up Day to assist with tree and bush trimming, weeding, and mulching around the church property. Bring your own tools or use the tools provided by the church. Snacks and drinks will be available. Contact Kevin Reinbold 402-715-0985 or Janis Pfungsten 402-672-3482.

Attention Gardeners: Do you have a few plants you are dividing or a plant you no longer need in your yard? Please consider donating those plants to the Divine Shepherd Gardening Group. Bring the plants in plastic bags or pots

marked with the type of plant and color (if known). The plants can be left at the church anytime May 4 – 6. Contact Betty Terrill at 402-889-1608. Proceeds from the plant sale will be used for landscaping around the property.

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: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!

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

Have you heard of The Chosen - the largest crowdfunded media project in history? It is a free streaming television series on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Seasons 1 and 2 have been viewed over 160 million times. Divine Shepherd is offering a Bible study on Season 1 of The Chosen starting this spring. This study will meet on Thursday evenings starting on May 5 from 6-8 pm. The first part of the study will be watching an episode, so please feel free to bring your dinner

with you and eat while we watch. Kevin and Trish Reinbold will be facilitating this study. If you would like them to order a book for you (about \$20), please let them know by Wednesday, April 20. Otherwise, you can purchase your own book at watch.angelstudios.com where you can also find more information on The Chosen. If you would like to attend this study and need childcare, please let Trish know so that Nursery workers can be arranged. No need to sign up ahead of time, just join us in the Chapel on May 5 at 6 pm. If you have questions, please see Kevin (kevin@dsomaha.org) or Trish (trish@dsomaha.org).

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

Questions? See Trish. For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org.

DIVINE PIECERS meet every Tuesday from 1-4pm in the Chapel. Come help with sewing, pressing, or tying. If you want to learn to quilt, we would be happy to teach you. Contact Bonnie Clark (402-689-9108) or Sally Viola (402-657-4042).



Altar flowers are given by Jim and Betty Buller in celebration of their 67th anniversary on April 16th.

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 available at dsomaha.org

This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 18

Church office is closed

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
5:30-6:00pm **Free Pizza Party**
6:15-7:30pm **LWR Packing Party**

Thursday, April 21

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

Friday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 23

9:30am **Pickleball** (Gym)
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 24

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)
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) with Pastor Doug Morton
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton
12:00pm **Appreciation Luncheon for the Hannemanns**

HE IS RISEN
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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 LaVerne & Cheryl Benck** on their 58th wedding anniversary April 11
- **Charlie & Margie Lynch**, celebrating 51 years of marriage on April 17

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Mary Burch**, daughter of Bud Burch and sister of Jan Nelson, hospitalized
- **Clyde Durham**, father of Tim, in hospice
- **Judy Moore**, heart surgery April 18th.
- **Sharon Herzberg**, eye surgery April 27th
- **Grace Romero**, recovering from stroke
- **Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug, in hospice care
- **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
- **Nate Moquin**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Takado Moquin**, for relief from pain
- **Jeff Moquin**, healing from infection
- **Gary Toelle**, recovering in rehab
- **Brianna and Zach**, grandchildren of Dave Nelson
- **Donna Wilshusen**, for recovery
- **Thiry Kern**, for upcoming heart surgery
- **George Uden**, for healing of broken hip
- **Marlin Mundt**, father of Matt, in rehab
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery in rehab
- **All those battling cancer: 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 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 and Sean Stone
- **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

- **As we pack Lutheran World Relief back packs for kids**
- **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