



**Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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**Love God | Share Jesus | Serve People**

***For the Week of February 21, 2021***



## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Do you have a prayer request?** Send them to: [prayers@dsomaha.org](mailto:prayers@dsomaha.org) Our staff prays together Wednesday mornings. Let us know if you want your request in the weekend worship prayers that are printed in the Heartbeat and/or on our Prayer Chain.



**Jerusalem at Passover** is the title of this year's midweek Lenten series. The early part of each service will take that title quite literally. Each week we will be led by a typical travel agency "tour guide" on an imaginary visit to the Holy City in the year A.D. 30. The "tour guide" will offer historical, cultural and religious commentary on the sights we are seeing, just as such a person might have done almost 2000 years ago, had there been conducted tours then. We will hear many voices, in Reader's Theater style, of a variety of characters in the divine drama that played out in those days "for us and for our salvation. Trish Reinbold has assembled a cast and will be directing this dynamic portion of our Wednesday evening services. Here is our Itinerary:

### **Third Stop** (March 3)

THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, a short distance from Jerusalem, offers a spectacular nighttime view of the Holy City, and also gives us an opportunity to discuss the history of King David—one of the great shapers of both Israelite patriotism and worship—who camped on this site almost a thousand years ago. A visit to GETHSEMANE, one of the large olive-growing estates on the slope of the mountain, provides us a close-up look at a major industry in this part of the world.

### **Fourth Stop** (March 10)

THE PALACE OF THE HIGH

### **Fifth Stop** (March 17)

THE FORTRESS

### **Sixth Stop** (March 24)

SKULL HILL

Please join us for these special services each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:15pm. These services will be livestreamed as well. We will be offering an abbreviated version of these services at Noon each Wednesday. The drama will not be included, but Holy Communion will be offered at each of the Noon services.

## **MIDWEEK PROGRAM**

**WE'RE BACK!!** We are meeting in-person again for our **Midweek, Confirmation and Wednesday night Bible study**, however, there are some changes, so please read carefully:

- Midweek and Confirmation classes are meeting in smaller groups as we did in the fall. Parents of students should have received an email from either Spencer or Trish. If you didn't, please contact them immediately.

- Midweek, Confirmation and Pastor Mark's Wednesday Night Bible Study are meeting from 6:00-7:00pm.
- Lenten Services will be held at 7:15pm each Wednesday through March 24. Please join us!
- At this time, we will not be meeting for Sunday School. We are planning on Sunday School restarting after Easter. Watch for more details as the date approaches.



*Life of Jesus: Miracles* is the title of the Bible study led by Pastor Hannemann on Wednesday evenings which began January 27, 6:00-7:00pm. It's a miracle!" These words mean many things to different people. Some use them to describe any surprising or unexpected event. Some limit these words to events that seem humanly impossible. Many don't know what miracles really are or question whether they exist. Miracles are an important part of Jesus' ministry, and we can benefit from studying them. Join us this Wednesday and bring someone with you. During Lent we will be meeting in the Gym on the lower level. There is a handout. No need to pre-register.

**Sunday mornings: 9:30am**

Women's Bible Study: "Jesus, a Study on the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John" with Dena Nigh downstairs in The Commons. Contact Dena at [jaydena888@cox.net](mailto:jaydena888@cox.net)

**Sunday mornings: 10:45am**

Zoom Adult Bible study on Ephesians with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org)

**Monday mornings: 10:00am**

Women's Bible study on the 10 Commandments called "Love Rules". We are meeting via Zoom. Contact Trish at [trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org)

**Tuesday mornings: 10:00am**

**Colossians: Against the Tide** with Pastor Mark in person in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Mark at [mark@dsomaha.org](mailto:mark@dsomaha.org)

**Wednesday evenings: 6:00-7:00pm**

with Pastor Mark in person in the Gym. "Life of Jesus: Miracles"

**Friday mornings: 6:15am**

Men's study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. Contact Jason Snell at: [jnell@rdotc.com](mailto:jnell@rdotc.com)



**Altar flowers** are provided by Darrel and Joanne Swenson in celebration of their 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**We would like to thank the church and staff** for all the cards we have received this past six months. It has meant a lot to us. Sharing the heart of the Shepherd is what it is all about. The cards and notes came when we needed a spiritual lift. Blessings! Gayle and Steve Jipp

**Kathy McCullough wishes to thank** the entire church family and prayer warriors for the outpouring of support and prayers after the passing of her son.



**The High School Youth Group is collecting** items for Care Kits that



**Next Weekend's Sermon  
March 6-7**

***Playing Darts with Peter***  
*Mark 8:27-38*



**Adult Bible Studies**  
**Bible Studies are available at  
Divine Shepherd—email contact  
person for more information.**

will be distributed to the under-resourced and homeless in the greater Omaha area. The Care Kits will be assembled on March 17th and will include a small devotional and a personal note from the youth to the recipient. Donations can be brought to the church between Feb. 21 and March 14 and can be placed in the bin in the atrium. Financial donations are also being accepted for this project - please contact Spencer at [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org) to donate. Below is a list of items that are being collected:

Gallon-size (or larger) Ziplock Bags	Band-aids
Individual Toothbrushes	Prepackaged Snacks
Toothpaste	Hairbrush/Combs
Washcloths/Hand Towels	Feminine Hygiene Products
Deodorant	Small Tissue packs
Body Soap	Shampoo

### **Important Dates for your Calendar**

Feb 21-Mar 14 Care Kit donations accepted  
 Mar 3 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm  
 Mar 10 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm  
 Mar 17 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm  
 Mar 24 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm  
 Apr 1 Maundy Thursday services 12 & 7:00  
 Apr 2 Good Friday services 12 & 7:00pm  
 Apr 3 Traditional Easter worship 5:00pm  
 Apr 4 Traditional Easter worship 8:00am  
 Apr 4 Modern Easter worship 9:30 & 10:45am



**A Safety and Security In-service training workshop** was held all day Tuesday, January 26 for our entire church staff and Little Lamb staff, along with volunteers from our congregation who are part of a new safety and security team that is forming, led by our member, Matt Mundt. If you are interested in learning more about serving on this team, please contact Matt at [mmundt@cox.net](mailto:mmundt@cox.net). Also, if you have medical training (nurse, EMT, etc.), Matt would really appreciate hearing from you as he puts our team together. Thank you!



### **WE NEED EASTER**

**CANDY!** Yes, we are going to have an Easter Egg Hunt this year! The Easter Egg Hunt will happen on

Saturday, March 27 at 10 AM at church. We are in need of candy donations for our Easter eggs. Please consider bringing in individually wrapped candy which is small enough to fit inside a plastic Easter egg. We do NOT need any plastic eggs. Please put your donations in the labeled bin in the Atrium. Thank you!!

## Church Staff

**Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann**  
Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries  
**Rev. James Rasmussen**  
Associate Pastor/Director of Discipleship  
**Rev. Doug Morton**  
Pastoral Care Assistant  
**Jennie Smith**  
Director of Finance & Operations  
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**Jenny Darr**  
Communications Coordinator  
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Office Manager  
**Susan Porter**  
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Office Assistant

## Little Lamb Leadership

**Tonya Isaac**  
Director of Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare  
**Rhonda DeVries**  
Assistant Director/Registrar  
**Jenny Darr**  
Assistant Director-Communications/Training

### **To reach the church staff:**

Telephone: 402-895-1500  
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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

- **Darrel & Joanne Swenson** celebrated 23 years of marriage January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Ken & Kathy Weber**, celebrate 39 years of marriage February 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Steve & Gayle Jipp** celebrate 47 years of marriage February 22<sup>nd</sup>

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Kurt Burbach**, hospitalized
- **Dan Mosher**, recovering from major surgery
- **Marilyn Weaver**, recovering from sciatica
- **Jim Parks**, recovering from surgery
- **Hugh Nels**, recovering from broken bones in his foot
- **Mason Schenk**, hospitalized
- **Otis & Clarice Howard**, recovering from COVID
- **Tom Upton** recovering at home from heart surgery
- **Jim Wegner**, recovering at Brookstone Village following COVID
- **All those battling cancer:**
  - **Bob Oberhauser**
  - **Sherri Flanagan**
  - **Donna Tatreau**
  - **Lori Gedwillo**
  - **Steve Jipp**
  - **Daren Kizlin**
  - **Jay Shattuck**

### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed
- **Jake Ulrich**, deployed to Iraq
- **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 LORD'S BLESSING AND GUIDANCE

- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- **Pastor Bell and our brothers and sisters in Christ in our church plant, GraceHill**
- **Charles Cohen**, serving in the mission field in Guatemala
- **Rev. Dr. Charles & Connie Cortright**, serving in the mission field in Russia
- **Beth & Nathan Toenjes**, serving as missionaries in Asia
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry