



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of September 12, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Come to Divine Shepherd for a morning of family fun in the church's upper parking lot. Family, friends, neighbors and the community are welcome to this free event! We invite you to come for worship and stay for the fun and great fellowship. You won't want to miss it!

Plan on parking in our lower lot or Millard South lots next Sunday. Some handicap parking will be made available closer to the church.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: bounce house - obstacle course - inflatable axe throwing - sumo wrestling - carnival games - face-painting - food - music - donuts & coffee

YOUTH GROUP FOOD STAND

Support our youth at the Family Fest on Sunday with their food stand fundraiser. The youth will be serving breakfast plates (eggs, sausage, and potatoes) 9-10am and hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and cookies 10am-1pm.

MIDWEEK CONNECTION SEPTEMBER 15

MEAL OPTIONS:

Meatloaf with Green Beans with sauteed bacon and onions or Chicken and Pasta Alfredo with Buttered Corn

PRICES

- \$8 for adults
- \$5 for children (6-10 years old) and
- kids 5 and under are free

Those planning to attend the meal this week must register online or at the table in the atrium before 9am on Monday, September 13.

NEXT WEEK'S MEAL:

Salisbury Steak with gravy and Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Enchiladas and Spanish Rice



JOINING JESUS SEMINAR

Join us on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 25 for a special training in discipling your family, friends and neighbors with Pastor Greg Finke, author of the Joining Jesus on His Mission books. Pastor Finke has been showing us how to personally join Jesus as we reach out with God's love to our neighbors. In this training, he'll show us how to show others how to join Jesus. That's called discipling! The training is free and will take place from 9 a.m. to noon in the sanctuary. Come a little early, grab a donut and coffee and join us and Jesus!

LIFETIME PLAN FOR GIVING WORKSHOP

Most people have loved ones they wish to remember in their estate plan. Most Lutherans also support ministries that are important to them, including our congregation. Yet few really know the best way to do everything they want to do for their loved ones and to make a gift for ministry. If you do not have a will, if you have not created or reviewed your estate plan in the past 5 years, if you want to leave a gift for ministry or if you just want ideas on how to reduce taxes and get more to your family and your favorite charities, it is important that you join us for this workshop! Join Craig Stirtz, our presenter, at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church on **September 26 at Noon** to learn valuable information about how careful estate planning can be a great blessing for you, your loved ones and for the ministries you wish to support. These workshops will also be offered virtually, as a webinar, if you prefer to participate from your home instead. Please notify the church office of your interest, and whether you wish to join us in person or virtually at 402-895-1500 or info@dsomaha.org.

Membership Class Starting: A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will begin Sunday, Sept. 19. This class, for those who don't have a background in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. The class will meet for seven weeks at 9:30 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 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 Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m. To enroll or inquire about either class, contact Kathy in the church office, 402-895-1500, or kathy@dsomaha.org.



New Sermon Series

Entitled, "One Another" Begins Next Weekend, September 18 & 19

Did you know the phrase "one another" appears some 59 times in the New Testament? Like "love one another," "bear one another's burdens" and "forgive one another." The list goes on. We are going to spend the next ten weeks looking at a number of these passages that illustrate how Christians are to regard and treat one another. Here's the schedule:

- Sept. 19** "Be Devoted to One Another"
Romans 12:9-13
- 26** "Love One Another" John 13:31-35
Pastor Greg Finke and Joining Jesus weekend
- Oct. 3** "Forgive One Another" Ephesians 4:32
- 10** "Bear One Another's Burdens"
Galatians 6:1-5 GracePoint Sunday with Dr. Justin Hannemann
- 17** "Pray for One Another" James 5:13-20
- 24** "Encourage One Another"
Hebrews 3:7-19
- 31** "Teach and Admonish One Another"
Colossians 3:15-17
- Nov. 7** "Serve One Another" Galatians 5:13-15
- 14** "Stir Up One Another"
Hebrews 10:19-25
- 21** "Honor and Live In Harmony with One Another" Romans 12:9-16

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>



Registration for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is now open! Next summer's gathering is July 8-15th in Houston, Texas and is open to all students entering high school (current 8th graders) to seniors. Additional details, cost information and online registration can be found online at dsomaha.org/NYG. Anyone with specific questions can talk to Spencer or email him at spencer@dsomaha.org. All registrations must be completed by Oct. 1!

Nebraska District Middle School Youth Gathering Registration. Registration is \$170/. Registration can be found on dsomaha.org under the "Register for all Divine Shepherd Events Here" button on the homepage.

LLPC Infant Childcare Opening

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is looking to hire infant teachers and assistants. If you or someone you know loves babies, we would love to chat about what a position would look like! Contact tonya@dsomaha.org to learn more about working at Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare.



Altar flowers are given by Dave Wacker in honor of his mother who will be 101 years old on Sept. 13th.

Nathan, Beth and Baby Returning Home:

Nathan and Beth Toenjes and their baby daughter, Meilia, are preparing to move back to the United States after spending the past two years sharing God's love and truth in Asia. "About a month ago we were suddenly struck by the conviction that our time over here in ministry was coming to an end, and that the Lord was calling us back to the U.S. for a new adventure," they wrote in an email to supporters. "Through lots of prayers and conversations with some mentors, family, coworkers, and friends, we have finalized this decision and will be moving back at the end of September."

They intend to live in Lincoln, where ministry opportunities are in the works. The details will

be shared once finalized. Reflecting on their experience in Asia, they said, "It has been a remarkable experience ... (God) most definitely used YOU in His mission here ... we never spent a moment in doubt over these last two years when it came to the overwhelming amount of support that was poured out on us, by God, through you, your prayers, your emails/calls/messages, and your financial support."

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 14

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** "*The Power of Forgiveness.*" (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 15

11:00 **Seniors Outing**
5:00pm **Hope Youth Handbell Choir** (Sanctuary)
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
5:00-6:00pm **Meal in the gym**
6:15-6:25pm **Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)**
6:30-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

Thursday, September 16

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

Friday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 19

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
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

- **Nyah Jo Masat**, daughter of Andrew & Victoria Masat baptized this weekend
- **Nick Bredekamp**, returned from deployment
- **Dave Wacker**, in honor of his mother who is turning 101 years old on Sept. 13

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Monica DeLeon**, recovering from surgery and Covid
- **Shannon Greene**, undergoing medical treatment
- **Steve & Gayle Jipp**, recovering from COVID
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with severe joint pain
- **Lloyd Gnirk**, recovering from triple bypass surgery
- **Liz Pyatt**, diagnosed with thyroid disease
- **Janine Podany**, recovering from surgery
- **Bob Dolezal**, recovering from surgery
- **Kathy Weber**, knee replacement
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Gary Toelle**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Laura Rogers**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin**

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Jake Ulrich
- **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
- **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

