

# HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## *For the Week of January 8, 2023*

### **PROPERTY SOLD, MORTGAGE PAID!**

Praise the Lord! On June 13, 2021, the Divine Shepherd Congregational Assembly approved the listing and sale of Divine Shepherd's property near 168th and Giles Streets. The property was exposed to the market at the end of 2021 and one year ago, a representative of Sage Capital made an inquiry regarding the property. A Purchase Agreement with Sage Capital was executed on February 3, 2022. On January 5, 2023, Congregational President Dan Dittman executed a warranty deed that conveyed ownership of the property to a Sage Capital investment entity. DSLC realized a net gain on the property of about \$100,000 (accounting for interest expense and other direct expenses). The net proceeds from the sale of property, coupled with the remaining capital campaign account funds on hand, enabled DSLC to pay off the First Westroads Bank loan balance. A ceremonial "burning of the mortgage" will be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration this year. Thank you for your prayers and patience throughout the past 18 months. Praise the Lord! Stuart Bartruff, Congregational Vice-President

### **ARE YOU READY FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF?**

The 21st Annual Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare Chili Cook-Off is coming Friday, January 27, 2023, 6pm - 8pm. All proceeds to benefit Little Lamb Preschool. Ways you can help:

- Host a Chili Booth. Gather a group of friends, neighbors or your Bible Study group/family for your booth. Let Tonya know if you prefer making chili or decorating and she'll even coordinate teams for hosting a booth.
- Volunteer your time the night of the event in the kitchen or clean-up.
- Purchase your tickets. Tickets are on sale in the Atrium. \$8 for Adult tickets (\$10 at the door); \$5 for Children, ages 4-12; 3 and under are free.

Contact Tonya Isaac, Director of LLPC, to sign-up at (402) 714-3950 or [tonya@dsomaha.org](mailto:tonya@dsomaha.org) if you have

questions or are ready to help. Thank you for your support.

### **PASTOR BRENT INSTALLATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

Rev. Dr. Brent Smith is scheduled to be installed as senior pastor of Divine Shepherd on Sunday, February 5, at the 10:45am service. Having the installation worship service on Sunday morning is designed to encourage members to attend and to accommodate the schedule of Rev. Richard Snow, president of the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who will preach at that service and perform the installation. In order to facilitate the special service the weekend schedule **will be revised, for one week only, as follows:**

Saturday, February 4

- 5pm Blended Worship

Sunday, February 5

- 9am Blended Worship with communion (mix of traditional and contemporary music)
- 10:45am Worship with the installation of our senior pastor
- **Noon: Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the gym** with BBQ pork sandwiches, sides, and dessert. **Please RSVP for the luncheon online at [dsomaha.org/events](https://dsomaha.org/events) or by calling the church office.**

### **JOIN THE SECURITY TEAM**

Divine Shepherd's Safety Team is recruiting for additional members. Men, women, even teenagers (16 years and older) are welcome. We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer some of their time to help us keep DSL a safe and secure place. The only requirements are that you're certified in CPR/First Aid (and we can get that training for you), and that you're willing to help. If you're interested in hearing more, or if you have questions, ask anyone in a blue "SAFETY" shirt, or talk to Scott Custard ([scott@movingpartsllc.com](mailto:scott@movingpartsllc.com)) or Matt Mundt ([mmundt@cox.net](mailto:mmundt@cox.net)).

## **POINSETTIAS**

If you purchased a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during Christmas, "Thank you." Please pick up your poinsettia no later than this Monday, January 9 in the Chapel. Any poinsettias not picked up will be discarded.

## **MEN'S EVENT**

Men are invited to enjoy some food, beverages and fellowship with their Divine Shepherd brothers on Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm at Brewsky's, 15350 Weir St. Please email Alan Eschmann at alan.eschmann@yahoo.com or text him at 402-332-6922 if you plan to attend so tables can be reserved.

## **MIDWEEK MEALS AND CLASSES RESUME**

Our Wednesday night Midweek Connection program resumes THIS WEEK, January 11. If you were not able to join us last semester for fellowship and education, now is great time to start midweek classes!

## **MIDWEEK MEAL**

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm on Wednesdays before Midweek classes. Meals cost \$5 for adults and are free for kids 10 and under. January 11 Menu: Soup & Salad Night, Chili and Loaded Baked Potato Soup. Kids: hotdog, chips, mac & cheese.

## **MIDWEEK SCHEDULE**

5:15 - 6:05pm Meal in the gym  
6:15 - 6:25pm Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)  
6:30 - 7:30pm Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies

## **MIDWEEK CLASS OFFERINGS**

- Midweek Connections Bible Classes for Kids (3yrs Fifth Grade)
- Midweek Connections Middle School Confirmation Class (Sixth - Eighth Grade)
- Midweek Connections High School Youth Group & Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study – "Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)
- Parenting Bible Study – Love-Centered Parenting with Sally Vandenberghe (Shepherd's Room)
- Women's Bible Study – Joy, A Study of Philippians with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)

- Men's Bible Study – A Biblical Take on Current Events with Ken Mar & Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)
- The Nursery will be available for children who can sit up by themselves, about 6 months through 2 years old.

## **CONCORDIA OPEN HOUSE**

Concordia Jr.-Sr. High Open House (15656 Fort St., Omaha) Please join them on Friday, January 13th from 5pm to 7pm for an evening of information and fun. Their basketball teams will be playing at 4:30pm, 6pm and 7:45pm, so come on out to catch a game, enjoy a meal deal, and take a tour. This event is specifically designed for students entering 6th-12th grade.

## **CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP**

If you have a student ready for Kindergarten for the fall of 2023 (or later) come learn more about our Kindergarten options. Meet the Kindergarten teachers, visit with experienced and new families, and learn about program specifics. Come and learn more on either Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6pm to 8pm (pizza meal included) or Friday, Jan. 20 from 1pm to 2:30pm. Concordia Academy is located at 1821 N. 90th St.

## **FLORIDA MISSION TRIP - OPEN TO ALL**

Looking for a way to put your faith into action and share the love of Jesus with others? Join us for our Mission Trip to the Miami area this summer - July 8-16 - where we'll parter with a congregation to lead Vacation Bible School and do some community service projects! This trip is open to youth and adults currently in the 8th grade and older (adults joining will be required to have a background check). The out of pocket cost is \$400/person. Additional details can be found online at [dsomaha.org/events](http://dsomaha.org/events). The signup deadline is January 12. Questions? E-mail [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org).

## **GOURMET GROUP JANUARY OUTING**

The first get together of the Gourmet Group in 2023 will be January 15, 6pm at Longhorn Steakhouse (3040 S 143rd Plz). If you plan to attend, please contact Julie Schenk at [julieaschenk@gmail.com](mailto:julieaschenk@gmail.com) or 402-669-7662 prior to January 11. New faces are always welcome.

## **2023 ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider sponsoring altar flowers one Sunday this coming year. We have quite a few openings. A

flower calendar is posted in the narthex near the office door for 2023. Thank you in advance for participating in this ministry!

**DIVINE PIECERS**, our quilting group, will be starting again this Tuesday, January 10 from 1pm to 4pm. If you are interested in learning how to quilt, the group welcomes new learners.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given by Darrel and Joanne Swenson in celebration of God's gift of 25 years of marriage on January 3.

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

Sunday, 9:30am - Women's Bible Study - "Better, a study of Hebrews" with Dena Nigh (Shepherd's Room)

Monday, 10:00am - Women's Bible Study - "Esther" with Trish Reinbold (Trinity Center)

Tuesday, 10:00am - Adult Bible Study - "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John with Pastor Doug (Chapel)

Wednesday

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study - "Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)

6:30pm - Parenting Bible Study - Love-Centered Parenting with Sally Vandeberghe (Shepherd's Room)

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Joy, a Study of Philippians with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)

6:30pm - Men's Bible Study - A Biblical Take on Current Events with Ken Mar and Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)

Friday, 6:15am - Men's Bible Study - Philippians with Jason Snell jsnell@rdotc.com (Shepherd's Room)

**E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG**

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# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, January 9

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10:00am **Women's Bible Study** - "Esther" (Trinity Center)  
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)

## Tuesday, January 10

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10:00am **Adult Bible Study** "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John (Chapel)  
1:00pm **Quilting Group** "Divine Piecers" (Chapel)

## Wednesday, January 11

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5:15-6:05pm Midweek Meal (Gym)  
6:15-7:30pm Midweek Connections Classes (Begin in the Sanctuary)  
6:15pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
7:45pm Handbell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, January 12

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

## Friday, January 13

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

## Saturday, January 14

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

## Sunday, January 15

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8:00am **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
8:45-11:00am **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)  
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - "Better, a study of Hebrews" (Shepherd's Room)  
10:45am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (**Sanctuary**)



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 and Joanne Swenson** celebrating 25 years of marriage
- **That the sale of our congregation's land** near 168<sup>th</sup> and Giles has been completed, allowing Divine Shepherd to pay off the mortgage on our property here at 150<sup>th</sup> and Q Street
- **The family of Cheryl Evans** that her leukemia is gone after 5 months of treatment

#### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Lois Koehler**, for healing
- **Steve Jipp**, recovering from heart surgery
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing
- **Paula Kresl**, for healing
- **Ginny Meyer**, for healing
- **Les Bockman**, Cindy Campbell's brother, for successful medical treatment
- **Judy Moore**, for improved health
- **Bill Rydstrom**, for pain relief and healing
- **Shirley Aken**, for healing
- **Doris Witecki**, for recovery from an infection and cancer

#### FOR COMFORT AND PEACE

- **For the family of Sandra Scanlon** at the passing away of her mother, Doris Scanlon on January 1.

#### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Dan Lazinek, Sean Stone, Michael Hanson, Calvin Kruse, and Skyler Bergelt
- **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

- **Prayers of thanksgiving that Pastor Brent Smith has accepted the call to become our senior Pastor**
- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**, thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**, our partners in Christian education
- **Concordia University Nebraska**, to continue to prepare church workers and other Christian leaders.