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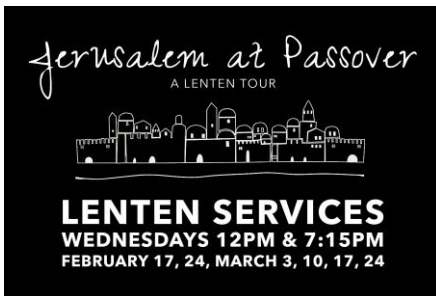
For the Week of February 28, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Easter Lily and Golden Daffodil plants will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Worship Services. If you would like to purchase a plant or plants in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc., please complete the order form at the table in the Atrium and enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd. Please return it to the Church Office place in the offering or in the basket provided. You will be notified when you can take your plants home."

Do you have a prayer request? Send them to: prayers@dsomaha.org Our staff prays together Wednesday mornings for these requests. 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

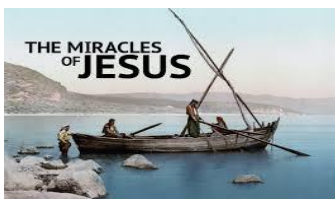
Sixth Stop (March 24) SKULL HILL

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.



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

Foolishness or Wisdom?
1 Corinthians 1:18-31



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

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

Sunday mornings: 10:45am

Zoom Adult Bible study on Ephesians with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at 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

Tuesday mornings: 10:00am

Colossians: Against the Tide with Pastor Mark in person in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Mark at 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 1st Corinthians.
Contact Jason Snell at: jnell@rdotc.com



National Youth Gathering Meeting

March 14th Plans are still underway for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering which will be held next July in Houston, Texas! An

informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 14th during the 10:45am service for youth and parents. No commitment is required--this will just be an opportunity to learn more about the gathering, estimated cost, planned fund-raisers and ask questions. Current 7th – 11th graders will be eligible to attend the gathering. Visit dsomaha.org/nyg for more information and to register for the meeting.



Altar flowers are provided anonymously in recognition of all who serve our church as missionaries.

The 2021 Altar Flowers Calendar has been posted on the wall near the office door. Please sign your name and phone number. Bouquets are \$20 each--payment can be made by placing the money in a yellow pew envelope, marking it clearly FLOWERS and placing it in the basket collection plate, drop it off at the Church office.



The High School Youth Group is collecting items for Care Kits that will be distributed to the under-resourced and homeless in the greater Omaha area. 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 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 14 National Youth Gathering Meeting
 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



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!!

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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

- **Thanksgiving for the progress made with COVID and the healing of our nation**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Steve Jipp**, undergoing surgery March 1st
- **Dennis & Cheryl Evans' niece, Nelda**, hospitalized after an auto accident that took the life of her husband
- **Ellen Schwartz' daughter, Paula Kresl**, recovering from another surgery
- **April Gregory's father, David Whiteaker**, recovering from a heart attack
- **Marilyn Weaver**, recovering from sciatica
- **Jim Parks**, recovering from surgery
- **Mason Schenk**, hospitalized
- **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 THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Gene Mackey.** A memorial service will be held March 13th

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