



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*For the Week of January 1-2, 2022*



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Thank you carolers!** 16 carolers went out on Sunday, December 19 and sang for 14 of our shut-ins and others who were close by. We have gotten some nice thank yous. Thanks again, Melanie Doeschot for organizing this effort and those who went out to sing songs of joy for the season!

### **Chili Cook-off Returns Jan. 28**

After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, we're excited to announce that the famed Chili Cook-off is being planned for January 28 from 5:30-8:30pm! After a 20-year run, Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare has turned over the reins of this event to the Youth Group with all proceeds benefiting various youth ministry trips and events - including the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston.

We're currently looking for individuals, families, or companies who would like to donate items for our silent and live auctions or be a premier sponsor of this event! If you have an item(s) that you'd like to donate - big or small! - or would like information on sponsorships, email [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org). More information and chili booth signup will be announced in the coming weeks!



**Altar flowers** are given by Joanne and Darrel Swenson in celebration of their 24th anniversary.

**MIDWEEK MEALS WILL RESUME ON  
JANUARY 12, 2022**

### **MIDWEEK CONNECTION January 12 MEAL OPTIONS:**

Salisbury Steak with mushroom gravy and Mashed Potatoes or  
- Chicken Enchiladas and Spanish Rice Salad, drinks, dessert, and dinner roll included.

### **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, JAN 10**

**Seniors for the Lord** will meet on January 5 at 10:00am in the Trinity Center. A game day is planned with a soup luncheon following. Any one willing to provide soup needs to contact Linda Kruse 402-525-5717. Everyone else can bring salad, sandwich or dessert. **ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP** - we will be collecting the remainder of the cost of the Ark Trip at this meeting. Checks must be made to DIAMOND

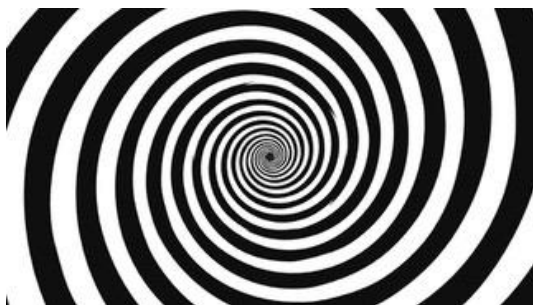
TOURS. No checks will be accepted with anyone else as payee!

**The 2022 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 collection plate, or by taking it to the office.

### 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>



**Pastor Mark's Wednesday evening Bible Study which resumes January 12 at 6:30pm:**

### **Crazy-Making: Why We Keep Doing What We Don't Want to Do**

Have you ever kept doing something you don't want to do?

We all have these patterns in our lives that we just can't seem to shake. No matter how disciplined we are, how much

willpower we drum up, or how many times we seek accountability, eventually we find ourselves sucked back into repeating the same patterns again. It's crazy-making!

Everyone's struggle is different. For you, it might look like criticizing, substance abuse, over-working, sexual sin, people-pleasing, or hundreds of others. Jesus has given all of us a way out of these crazy-making cycles, and it has nothing to do with white-knuckling our way to freedom. Join us in this four-week study as we explore where these patterns come from, why we keep repeating them, and how to stop the crazy and live in the freedom Jesus makes possible.

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Welcome to all the new members of Divine Shepherd and to our guests. **Our Divine Tasters** (also known as Gourmet Group) will be starting up again on January 16th and would like to invite you to come and join us. We will be meeting at Farmer Browns 2620 River Rd at 6PM that date. This is a fun way to meet other members of the church, and some "friends" of the church. All are welcome. Farmer Browns doesn't, to my knowledge, take reservations, but I think with a large group they would like a headcount. So, if you are interested and would like to join us, please contact Julie Schenk at 402-669-7662 or [julieaschenk@gmail.com](mailto:julieaschenk@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you then.



**Offering Envelopes—** please pick up yours on the table in the hallway to the right as you leave the Sanctuary.

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# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, January 3

10:00am **NO women's Bible Study** The Gospel of John (Trinity Center) Resumes January 10

## Tuesday, January 4

10:00am **NO Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Sanctuary) Resumes January 11

## Wednesday, January 5

10:00am **Seniors Game Day** (Trinity Center)

6:15-7:10pm **NO Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies** Resume January 12, 2022

## Thursday, January 6

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

## Friday, January 7

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

## Saturday, January 8

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

## Sunday, January 9

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (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)

9:45am **Kids Church**

10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton





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

- **Bailey Layne Grimm**, daughter of Cody Grimm & Darcy Kallhoff, baptized this weekend
- **Gwendolyn Fae Johnson**, daughter of Benjamin Johnson & Kelsey Rodgers, baptized this weekend
- **Darrel & Joanne Swenson**, celebrating their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Rev. Ron Gocken**, former Divine Shepherd pastor, in hospice care
- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Jeff Echtenkamp**, for healing
- **Duane Stohs**, healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Jeff Echtenkamp**, for healing
- **Pastor Bob Ziegler**, uncle of Patty Mollring, for healing
- **Rodney Shrimpton**, for healing and recovery from an illness
- **Patti Jensen**, recovering from surgery
- **Gary & Joyce Toelle**, beginning Gary's cancer treatment
- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **Brooke Williams**, treatment for bone infection
- **Chris Dennis**, for shoulder healing
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with debilitating illness
- **All those battling cancer: 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 THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Dale Baumbach**, friend of Darrel Swenson, who went home to the Lord

### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Jake Ulrich and Aaron Grelson
- **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
- **Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright**, serving as instructor for Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry