

# HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## For the Week of October 30, 2022

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Divine Shepherd is pleased to welcome the following new members in our 10:45am service this Sunday:

- Todd, Brittainy, Olivia and Sydney Adams
- Dallas, Brenda and Kelcie Bartlett
- Jerry Gemar
- Mary Jo Gillispie
- Phil, Holly, Phillip, Clayton and Wyatt Guenette
- Tim, Deb, Jake, Meagan and Gabby Hamilton
- Nancy Jorn
- Jerry and Jeanie Shank
- Benjamin Walton
- Stacy Zaruba

Stop and get acquainted with these brothers and sisters in Christ at a reception in the Atrium following the service.

### PANCAKE FEED

The fifth Sunday elder pancake feed is back! The elders are pulling out their aprons and spatulas to cook breakfast for you and your family this Sunday, October 30 from 9am to 11am in the gym. *Note: In lieu of donuts in the chapel, join us for coffee, pancakes, and fellowship in the gym.*

### TRUNK OR TREAT

**You're invited** - Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 30 from 3pm to 5pm in the upper parking lot. All kids and their families are invited to come and enjoy.

### OPEN DOOR MISSION FOOD DRIVE

Divine Shepherd is hosting a food drive for Open Door Mission. This holiday season Open Door Mission expects to provide more than 284,820 fresh, nutritious meals to the hungry and homeless. As you know, with the cost of everything going up including gas and groceries, so many people are struggling. People who may have never needed help before, may need help this holiday season. You can bring the food items to the bins in the Atrium until Nov. 13. Open Door

Mission has provided a list of nonperishable holiday food items to donate:

- Canned vegetables
- Stuffing
- Canned fruit
- Boxed Meals (like Hamburger helper)
- Soup
- Pasta/Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Mac 'n' cheese

You can also shop their Turkey 'N' Fixin's Amazon Wish List. The link can be found on our website.

### RAKE IT UP

Join us for Rake it Up on Sunday, November 6 from 12pm to 3pm. We'll spend the afternoon together raking leaves for those less able in our Divine Shepherd community.

There are two signup options:

1) Help Rake - Sign-up yourself, family, and friends to be part of our Raking Crew. We'll split up into teams and you'll be given a specific address to go to. Rakes will be available, but feel free to bring your own. This is a great opportunity for those in need of service hours. All ages are welcome to join us. We will meet at the church parking lot.

2) Get your yard raked - If help raking leaves would be blessing, please sign-up and we'll do our best to send a team to your yard to help. Residents are asked to provide yard waste bags for the raking team.

You can sign-up online or by calling the church office. Questions? Feel free to contact Ken Mar at [kmar@habitatomaha.org](mailto:kmar@habitatomaha.org).

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD) MEETING RECAP (10-18-22)—

- Giles property-- The BoD reviewed an amended purchase agreement from Sage Capital that requested a lower price and extension of the agreement period. The due

diligence has been delayed by the jurisdictional zoning authority changing from Sarpy County to the City of Gretna. Since the agreement was initially signed, construction costs have escalated and the City has incorporated additional infrastructure requirements. The BoD authorized a counteroffer and extension of the agreement period (appraisal, title work, etc.). Sage Capital accepted the counteroffer which enables DSLC to realize a gain on sale in excess of \$100,000 (accounting for the costs incurred since the purchase). The agreement was extended to 12-30-22. While the BoD was disappointed with the price reduction, the BoD realized it is "in the best interest" for DSLC to dispose of the property and not incur additional costs or downside risk. The new purchase price is within the price range suggested by potential listing brokers.

- The BoD reviewed a preliminary draft for the General Fund 2023 budget and the 2023 LLPC budget.
- Pastor Rasmussen provided a Director of Ministry report and Jennie Smith provided a Director of Finance report.
- Directors serving on the Senior Pastor Call Committee reported that the candidate interview process has begun.
- The Key Performance Indicators were reviewed.
- The DSLC bylaws require two Congregational meetings per calendar year. An informational Congregational meeting is scheduled for November 13 at noon.

Praise the Lord for our Blessings! Stuart Bartruff,  
Congregational President

### **MIDWEEK MEALS**

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm on Wednesdays before Midweek classes. Meals will be \$5 for adults and free for kids 10 and under. You do not need to sign up in advance for the meal. November 2 Menu: Taco Night, Kids: hotdog, chips, mac & cheese.

### **COMING SOON: ADVENT IN A BOX**

To prepare for Christmas, we will be handing out a devotional tool to families called Advent in a Box. Everything needed to complete the activities will be in the box. There are "finish at your own pace" activities for the 4 weeks of Advent including hands-on experiments, interactive prayers and a

few family challenges. Each box also contains the contents to create a family Advent Wreath. **How can you help?** These boxes need to be assembled. Even 30 minutes of your time would be greatly appreciated! Trish will be assembling the boxes on Saturday, November 5 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in the Chapel. Please come and help if you are able!

### **HELP WANTED AT LITTLE LAMB**

**Kitchen Volunteer Help** - Little Lamb is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen preparing fruit and washing dishes.

**Teachers and Assistants** - Little Lamb is hiring part-time and full-time infant and toddler teachers and assistants. We're at capacity and hoping to provide care for more families. If you know of someone who loves kids and is looking for a job, please pass along our information to them.

Please contact Tonya Issac ([tonya@dsomaha.org](mailto:tonya@dsomaha.org)) if interested in either opportunity.

### **NEBRASKA DISTRICT TREASURER OPENING**

The Nebraska District LCMS is seeking a full-time treasurer to manage the business affairs of the district and assist the district president in caring for the financial matters of district congregations and workers. The Nebraska District Treasurer is an integral leader of the district and district ministries. The Treasurer is the primary guide for the District Board of Directors in helping them fulfill their fiduciary duties on behalf of the congregations of the district. The position requires both a firm accounting capacity and a kingdom perspective. We seek to be careful stewards of God's gifts and work to make the greatest impact on our world with His grace, therefore the Treasurer is a person of faith and witness as we make every effort to build up our congregations and workers in their gospel ministries. This work includes assisting the district president in caring for the financial matters of district workers and congregations and their treasurers. As business manager for the district office and staff, the treasurer also helps care for those working deployed and in the office. Learn more at <https://ndlcms.org/jobs/>

### **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN DONATIONS NEEDED**

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical, and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA. Divine

Shepherd recently shipped 144 packed boxes of donated items. Please consider donating the following used items: Shoes, coats, bedding, towels, clothing (kids and adult sizes). You can donate items in the Orphan Grain Train bin in the Atrium.

<b>Finance Update</b>		
<b>Year-To-Date as of September 2022</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
DSLC Contributions	\$1,046,253	\$1,065,813
LLPC Tuition & Contributions	\$712,500	\$866,525
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,758,753</b>	<b>\$1,932,338</b>
DSLC Expense	\$1,136,796	\$1,117,945
LLPC Expense	\$708,942	\$704,370
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,845,738</b>	<b>\$1,822,315</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$86,985</b>	<b>\$110,023</b>

**SENIORS FOR THE LORD** will meet in the Trinity Center on November 2 to hear Charles Cooper speak on the work and mission of MOSIAC. The program will begin at 10:00am, but please come at 9:00am to help wrap Christmas books for the Little Lambs. Paper, scissors, and tape will be furnished. Following the program we plan to have lunch at Shirley's Diner. Anyone is always welcome to join us. Please call Sharon Herzberg, 402-496-0292 by Oct. 31 so we can get an approximate lunch count.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given by Jack and Marilyn Frohloff in thankfulness for 55 years of marriage on October 29, and by Dennis and Cheryl Evans in thankfulness for 56 years of marriage on October 30.

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

Please see the website, dsomaha.org, and calendar for our Adult Bible Study offerings.

**The deadline for weekly communication submissions is Wednesday, 5pm.**

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

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# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, October 31

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

## Tuesday, November 1

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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, November 2

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10:00am Seniors for the Lord (Trinity Center)  
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, November 3

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

## Friday, November 4

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

## Saturday, November 5

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9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)  
2:00pm **Advent in Box Assembly Party**  
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

## Sunday, November 6

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8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)  
9:00-11:00am **Pancake Feed, Coffee and Fellowship** (Gym)  
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" (Shepherd's Room)  
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)  
12:00-3:00pm **Rake it Up**

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**

- **Jack and Marilyn Frohloff**, in thankfulness for 55 years of marriage
- **Dennis and Cheryl Evans**, in thankfulness for 56 years of marriage

**FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH**

- **Bob Tieken**, recovering from hip surgery
- **Greg Mosher**, recovering from a fall
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Dee Dennis**, mother of Chris Dennis, in hospice care
- **Mark Crane**, recovering from surgery
- **Lois Koehler**, for diagnosis and treatment of illness
- **Steve Jipp**, for healing
- **Paula Kresl**, daughter of Ellen Schwartz, in the hospital.
- **Beverly Schellpepper**, for healing after glaucoma surgery
- **Sara Kuebler**, for strength as she deals with multiple sclerosis
- **Nancy Jorn**, for successful upcoming medical procedure
- **Greg Dennis**, brother of Chris Dennis, for treatment of Parkinson's

**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 for our Church as we go through the senior pastor call process.** For wisdom and discernment for the Call Committee as they follow the process, that God's will be done for our congregation.
- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare** — thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha** — our partners in Christian education
- **Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers
- **Rebecca Bartelt**, daughter of Rev. Bartelt, preparing to serve on the mission field in Taiwan as a music educator.