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For the Week of April 24, 2022

LWR SCHOOL KIT THANK YOU

DIVINE SHEPHERD, YOU ARE AMAZING! Thank you for the huge effort you put forth for April's Ministry of the Month - Lutheran World Relief: School Kits. Because of your donations of school supplies and money, we were able to pack 800 School Kits for children in need around the world! That's 800 kids who will be allowed to attend school who otherwise would not be able to be formally educated this year. About 100 members and friends of Divine Shepherd gathered together during the evening of April 20, ate together and packed the 800 kits - in about 30 minutes!! You are truly amazing and God is working wonders through you. Thank you, Divine Shepherd, for making a difference in the lives of children around the world.

CONFIRMATION

Next weekend, May 1st, during the 10:45am service, 27 youth will publicly confirm and profess their Christian faith in the Rite of Confirmation. Please keep these students in your prayers that they would continue to follow and trust Jesus throughout their lives.

Faith Projects on Display! - Each year, the youth are asked to create faith projects which can be something they make, do, or write that shares their faith with others. These projects are on display in the Atrium through next weekend so be sure to check them out!

THANK YOU, DIVINE SHEPHERD! The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success, thanks to all of you who supported it. Thank you for your prayers, your candy donations, helping to stuff Easter eggs and for spreading eggs on a chilly Saturday morning. We filled and spread out almost 5000 plastic Easter eggs and more than 160 children participated and, more importantly, heard the Easter story and that Jesus loves

them. Thank you for making this special event possible!

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY & PLANT SALE- Saturday, May 7 from 8 - Noon

Attention Volunteers and Families: Join in on Spring Clean up Day to assist with tree and bush trimming, weeding, and mulching around the church property. Bring your own tools or use the tools provided by the church. Snacks and drinks will be available. Contact Kevin Reinbold 402-715-0985 or Janis Pfungsten 402-672-3482.

WELCOME - the church office welcomes April Gregory as office assistant and Joan Rowell as accounting assistant. Both will be helping on a part-time basis and please welcome them.

Attention Gardeners: Do you have a few plants you are dividing or a plant you no longer need in your yard? Please consider donating those plants to the Divine Shepherd Gardening Group. Bring the plants in plastic bags or pots marked with the type of plant and color (if known). The plants can be left at the church anytime May 4 - 6. Contact Betty Terrill at 402-889-1608. Proceeds from the plant sale will be used for landscaping around the property.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

Have you heard of The Chosen - the largest crowdfunded media project in history? It is a free streaming television series on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Seasons 1 and 2 have been viewed over 160 million times. Divine Shepherd is offering a Bible study on Season 1 of The Chosen starting this spring. This study will meet on Thursday evenings starting on May 5 from 6-8 pm. The first part of the study will be watching an episode, so please feel free to bring your dinner with you and eat while we watch. Kevin

and Trish Reinbold will be facilitating this study. If you would like them to order a book for you (about \$20), please let them know by Wednesday, April 20. Otherwise, you can purchase your own book at watch.angelstudios.com where you can also find more information on The Chosen. If you would like to attend this study and need childcare, please let Trish know so that Nursery workers can be arranged. No need to sign up ahead of time, just join us in the Chapel on May 5 at 6 pm. If you have questions, please see Kevin (kevin@dsomaha.org) or Trish (trish@dsomaha.org).

CALL COMMITTEE

"Where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."
Proverbs 11:14

As denoted in Article III of the DSLC bylaws: "As the need arises to call a pastor, the President of the congregation shall appoint a Call Committee....the Call Committee is responsible for determining the congregation's specific needs, identifying, and evaluating candidates, and making recommendations to the Congregation Assembly." In response to Pastor Mark's decision to accept a Divine Call from Good Friend Ministries, I have appointed a pastoral Call Committee.

I am pleased to appoint the following congregational members to the Call Committee:

- Jason Snell, Elder and Chair of the Call Committee
- Barb Meier, Board of Directors
- Brad Kingsbury, Board of Directors
- Ken Mar, Board of Directors and Head Elder
- Andy Holdt, Elder
- Trish Reinbold, Commissioned Teacher
- Spencer Owen, Commissioned DCE
- Kevin Lammers, Active Member
- Stacy Gibbons, Active Member

These committee members faithfully serve Divine Shepherd and will bring Christ-centered perspectives to the call process. As part of the process, the Call Committee will request pastor candidate names from the congregation and the Nebraska LCMS District President. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers. If you have any questions or comments for the Call Committee, please feel free to contact a committee member. It is the intent of the Call Committee to regularly update the congregation

regarding the status of the call process. The Lord will Provide! - Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President

GILES PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philipians 4:6

On February 3, 2022, DSLC executed a Purchase Agreement to sell our property at 168th & Giles. Jennie Smith and I have been in regular contact with the buyer's agent, and we have been assured that the "inspection" process is proceeding as expected for the buyer. The purchasers have engaged an attorney to prepare a re-zoning and plan development application for the property. We have provided copies of all pertinent property information and documentation to the buyer. The residence tenant's attorney has also advised us that the tenant is planning to vacate the house in April. Moreover, per agreement with the buyer, the farm tenant will be retained to plant and harvest a crop during this growing season. Please pray for a successful outcome for the sale of this property. - Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Come hold babies!

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is looking for some gentle hands and caring hearts to love on our Littlest Lambs. We will have sixteen babies in two infant rooms in our care! You may choose the day and the amount of time to volunteer to rock, feed and snuggle babies each week. Please contact Tonya@dsomaha.org or 402-714-3950. Thank you!!

GOURMET GROUP MAY OUTING

The next outing for the Gourmet Group will be at SaltGrass Restaurant 301 N 175th St (Village Pointe) Omaha on Sunday May 15th at 6PM. Please RSVP to Julie Schenk by May 11th so reservations can be made. New faces are always welcome. julieaschenk@gmail.com or 402-669-7662. Group: We need to hear from you too, don't forget.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD MAY MEETING

Potluck (fried chicken furnished) meal on May 4 at 10am in the Trinity Center for Planning Meeting for activities starting this fall. Bring your favorite dishes AND suggestions for programs and/or tours. Anyone is welcome. Call Clarice Howard, 402-934-7237, for reservations (to plan on the amount of chicken to order).

SUMMER PLANS FOR KIDS!

Summer is just around the corner! It's time to start planning activities for the kids during those long summer days. Please consider joining us for VBS and Summer Camps!

VBS: June 20-24 from 8:30-11:30am for kids 3 years old through 5th grade


Art Camp: June 6-9 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

LEGO Camp: June 13-15 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Community Camp: July 26-28 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Questions? See Trish. For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org.

DIVINE PIECERS meet every Tuesday from 1-4pm in the Chapel. Come help with sewing, pressing, or tying. If you want to learn to quilt, we would be happy to teach you. Contact Bonnie Clark (402-689-9108) or Sally Viola (402-657-4042).

 **Altar flowers** are given in celebration of the 27th anniversary of Jason and Julie Snell on April 29 and in thankfulness to God for all their blessings.

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>

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 25

1:00pm **Prayer Shawl**

Tuesday, April 26

1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

1:00pm **Canasta** (Chapel)

Wednesday, April 27

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**

Thursday, April 28

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

Friday, April 29

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

Saturday, April 30

9:30am **Pickleball** (Gym)

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

Sunday, May 1

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)

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

9:30am **Kids Church** (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) with Confirmation





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

- **Hudson DeBoer, son of Jacob & Randi DeBoer**, baptized this weekend
- **Jim & Betty Buller**, celebrating their 67th anniversary on April 16th
- **For the great turnout to pack over 800 Lutheran World Relief backpacks for kids**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Gary Krichau**, scheduled for surgery May 4
- **Caiden Hansen**, surgeries April 21 and May 5
- **Mark & Kali Crane**, needing prayers
- **Mary Buss, mother of John Buss**, recovering from stroke
- **Terry Mavis**, recovering from surgery
- **Mary Burch**, daughter of Bud Burch and sister of Jan Nelson, hospitalized
- **Judy Moore**, recovering from heart surgery.
- **Sharon Herzberg**, eye surgery April 27th
- **Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug, in hospice care
- **Michelle Connors**, daughter of Sherry & Brian Pickett, for safety for her and baby with at-risk pregnancy
- **Janine Podany**, for healing and relief from pain
- **Gary Toelle**, recovering in rehab
- **Brianna and Zach**, grandchildren of Dave Nelson
- **Thiry Kern**, for upcoming heart surgery
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **All those battling cancer: Paula Kresl, Doris Witecki, Gary Krichau, Victoria Rose Reed, Dale Sieber, Cynthia Petermann, 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 Clyde Durham, father of Tim**, who went home to the Lord on April 15

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Aaron Grelson, Tina Byrant, Christian Reinbold, Dan Lazinek, Sean Stone, Michael Hanson & Calvin Kruse
- **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

- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
 - **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers