



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of September 25, 2022

SEEKING PRAYER PARTNERS

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is searching for members of Divine Shepherd who will pray for a Little Lamb student or staff member throughout this school year. You will find cards for students and staff out on the portable wall in the Atrium. Please be sure to jot down your child's name or staff member's name and your name on the sign-up sheet on the table. If you'd like to know of specific prayer requests throughout the year, you may include your phone number or email.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

The Nebraska District Middle School Youth Gathering is coming up November 11-13 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney! Youth in 6th-8th grade can join us for this fun-filled weekend that includes admission into the hotel's indoor waterpark! We'll learn about the "why" behind SHOWing our faith to others through our words and actions. Cost includes transportation, two nights of housing at the Holiday Inn, waterpark admission, meals, a t-shirt, and all other Gathering program expenses. Scholarships are available - please email spencer@dsomaha.org for more information.

Cost: \$270/person, Deadline: Sept. 28th

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH – HELPING HANDS FUND

Thank you for the generous door offering of \$6,320 given to our Helping Hands Fund, our September Ministry of the Month. Through this fund, our congregation will provide short-term help to people in need. You can continue to give towards this fund throughout the month or anytime.

MIDWEEK MEALS

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym before Midweek, served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm. 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.

September 28 Menu:

Adults: Taco Night

Kid's Meal: Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER

The October – December 2022 "Portals of Prayer" daily devotional booklets are now available. Pick one up on your way out of worship today!

Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Recap (9-20-22)–

- Pastor Mario Alejandro, Concordia Schools Development Director, gave a presentation regarding the upcoming capital campaign that will address enhancements to campus infrastructure. Pastor Mario requested campaign support from DSLC for further consideration by the BoD.
- The BoD approved the appointment of Pastor Jim and Dan Dittman as delegates to the LCMS Omaha Circuit Forum in October. This forum will select a pastoral and lay delegate to the 2023 Synod convention.
- The BoD approved a price range for repair of a retaining wall.
- 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 Pastor names, submitted by congregation, have been forwarded to District President Snow for his review and formation of an eligible candidate list.
- Giles property update—DSLC and Sage Capital continue to review the infrastructure cost estimates for the development plan with Gretna Public Schools. Construction costs have escalated in 2022 which may impact new development projects.

- President Bartruff noted that a Nominations committee would be formed in October to discuss candidates for one open Director role and one open Elder role.
- The Key Performance Indicators were reviewed. Attendance is materially ahead of last year. The YTD combined net operating income is well ahead of budget. General fund giving is slightly higher than budget and expenses have been controlled. The net operating income of Little Lamb is also exceeding budgeted expectations. Little Lamb is operating slightly below capacity from a census standpoint. Staffing remains a challenge.
- The DSLC bylaws require two Voter Assembly meetings per calendar year. The first meeting will likely be scheduled for October or November to report on the status of the Giles Property sale and Call Committee status. A second meeting will be scheduled for December for approval of the 2023 budget and the election of Directors, Officers and Elders.

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

CANASTA CARD CLUB will meet on Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00pm in the Chapel.

DIVINE SHEPHERD T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We have new adult and child Divine Shepherd T-Shirts available to purchase for \$6. You can purchase a shirt by contacting jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

The Seniors for the Lord will tour The Heron Nature Center on Wednesday, October 5. Please meet in the Luther Chapel at 9:00am for devotions and directions. The group will travel to Heron Haven and the Education Center, where we will get an introduction to the history and story of Heron Haven. The group will be able to explore this amazing urban oasis to view nature within the city limits of Omaha. Come prepared for the weather!!! Following the tour, we will dine at the Railcar. Call Karen Dix-Johnson, 402-393-1026 or email kdix3@cox.net for reservations as we need an approximate number for lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.

QUILTING MINISTRY

The quilting group, "Divine Piecers", will meet at Project Harmony on September 27 at 1:00pm to donate the quilts and crocheted blankets and scarves the group has made. A tour of Project Harmony will be given. If you would like to join the tour, please contact Bonnie Clark (402-689-9108).

The quilting group will be meeting again on Tuesday, October 4 at 1:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to join in the fun. Hands are needed for quilting, cutting, tying and piecing. Extra sewing machines are available to use. No experience needed!



Altar flowers are given by Cheryl and Eric Rausch in thankfulness to God for 28 years of marriage and three children.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday, 9:30am - Women's Bible Study – "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture," with Dena Nigh in the 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 – Sexuality Mentality: Creating a Culture of Biblical Integrity with Sally Vandenberghe (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 & Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)

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

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, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

10:00am **Adult Bible Study** (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 2

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 (Sanctuary)
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture
9:30am **New Member Class** (Trinity Center)
10:45am **Modern Worship**



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

- **Eric and Cheryl Rausch**, celebrating 28 years of marriage

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Milan Reick**, having back surgery on Monday
- **Jerry Johnson**, brother of Laurie Colvert, for healing from Covid
- **Arnie Rumfield**, for healing after hip surgery
- **Doris Klingemann**, mother of Scott Klingemann, recovering from a fall
- **Les Bockmann**, brother of Cindy Campbell, for healing
- **Sharon Herzberg**, for recovery from shoulder replacement surgery
- **Deb Lamb**, recovering from surgery
- **Karen Wall**, for continued healing after hip surgery
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **All those battling cancer**

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including 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
- **Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers