



# HEARTBEAT

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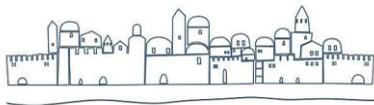
*For the Week of February 7, 2021*



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### **[PRAYERS@dsomaha.org](mailto:PRAYERS@dsomaha.org)**

The email address [prayers@dsomaha.org](mailto:prayers@dsomaha.org) will now be used for prayer chain and prayer requests going forward.



**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:

#### **First Stop** (Ash Wednesday, February 17)

THE TEMPLE in Jerusalem is a magnificent structure, the center of the worship life of the Hebrew people. Here we shall observe the stately services of the Jews, learn something of their theology and religious practices, and—because this is the week of PASSOVER, one of the major festivals of the Israelite religion—we

shall see some of the elaborate preparations for this high holy day, including the ritual slaughter of thousands of lambs.

#### **Second Stop** (February 24)

PASSOVER, which will be celebrated during the course of this tour, is essentially a family observance, conducted in the homes of the faithful. We have arranged to be in a location where it will be possible for us to observe this family festival in progress, and thus learn a good deal about the ancient history of these devout folk whose religion is very much tied up with their national history.

#### **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 PRIEST gives us another look at the religious life of the Judean people, especially as it relates to the practical matters of their everyday life. Here we will see the chambers where the SANHEDRIN, a Council of 70 religious Elders, meets to discuss and decide matters of practical religious import, using the ancient sacred Scriptures as their guide. Unfortunately, we will probably not get to see the Council in session, since nighttime meetings are highly irregular.

#### **Fifth Stop** (March 17)

THE FORTRESS ANTONIA is the local seat of Roman government. Here we will tour the

military barracks of the occupation police force (the army which has brought Roman peace, law, and culture to the whole world!), visit the cell block where notorious criminals are incarcerated, and also observe THE PAVEMENT, the civil court where Roman justice is administered. If possible, this visit will be scheduled at a time when a civil trial is in progress.

### **Sixth Stop** (March 24)

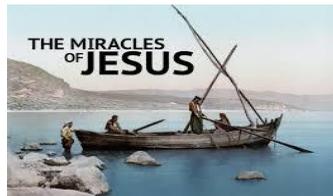
SKULL HILL, outside Jerusalem, offers a panoramic daytime view of the Holy City from a different perspective. The site of Roman executions (although it is unlikely that we shall be able to view any during the holiday season of good will) is a forceful reminder of the advantages of The Great Roman Peace which seeks to make the Empire a safer place in which to live and allows all people to practice their own religion as they see fit, without government interference or persecution.

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. We will not have the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday this year due to the need to maintain distancing, but we will be offering Holy Communion. Registration is required only for the in-person Ash Wednesday evening service. Our capacity is 200 attendees.

**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 will be 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 will be meeting from 6:00-7:00pm.

- There is no Midweek, Confirmation or Bible study on February 10 (no school for Millard: Conferences/Professional Development).
- Starting February 17 (Ash Wednesday), Lenten Services will be held at 7:15pm in the sanctuary through March 24. Please join us for these services with your family.
- At this time, we will not be meeting for Sunday School. We are planning on Sunday School restarting after Easter, on Sunday, April 11. Watch for more details as the date approaches.



- **New Bible Study Began Wednesday, January 27**

*Life of Jesus: Miracles* is the title of the new 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. We meet in the sanctuary. There is a handout. No need to pre-register. **No class Feb. 10. Class resumes Feb. 17.**



### **Next Weekend's Sermon February 13/14**

***Chariots of Fire***  
*2 Kings 2:1-12*



### **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](mailto:jaydena888@cox.net)

#### **Sunday mornings: 10:45am**

Zoom Adult Bible study on Ephesians with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mark@dsomaha.org)

#### **Wednesday evenings: 6:00-7:00pm**

with Pastor Mark in person in the Sanctuary. "Life of Jesus: Miracles." No class Feb. 10. Class Resumes Feb. 17.

#### **Friday mornings: 6:15am**

Men's study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. Contact Jason Snell at: [jnell@rdotc.com](mailto:jnell@rdotc.com)

### **Important Dates for your Calendar**

- Feb 7 Concordia Ignite Open House
- Feb 16 Concordia Jr/Sr High Open House
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday services 12 & 7:15pm
- Feb 24 Lent services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 3 Lent services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 10 Lent services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 17 Lent services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 24 Lent services 12 & 7:15pm
- Apr 1 Maundy Thursday services 12 & 7:00
- April 2 Good Friday services 12 & 7:00pm
- April 3 Traditional Easter worship 5:00pm
- April 4 Traditional Easter worship 8:00am
- April 4 Modern Easter worship 9:30 & 10:45am



**A Safety and Security In-service training workshop** was held all day Tuesday, January 26 for our entire church staff and Little Lamb staff, along with volunteers from our congregation who are part of a new safety and security team that is forming, led by our member, Matt Mundt. If you are interested in learning more about serving on this team, please contact Matt at [mmundt@cox.net](mailto:mmundt@cox.net). Also, if you have medical training (nurse, EMT, etc.), Matt would really appreciate hearing from you as he puts our team together. Thank you!



**Altar flowers** are given by Bev and Gene Schellpeper in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on February 6.

Learn about our personalized, mixed-age classroom at the

# IGNITE OPEN HOUSE

**FEB. 7**  
2 - 4 pm



CONCORDIA ACADEMY

REGISTER AT [Ignite.ConcordiaOmaha.org](http://Ignite.ConcordiaOmaha.org)



*Real students.  
Real teachers.  
Real school.*

**JR. - SR. HIGH OPEN HOUSE**  
TUESDAY, FEB. 16 5-7:30 PM  
**Basketball to follow!**

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CONCORDIA MUSTANGS

## Church Staff

**Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann**

Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries

**Rev. James Rasmussen**

Associate Pastor/Director of Discipleship

**Rev. Doug Morton**

Pastoral Care Assistant

**Jennie Smith**

Director of Finance & Operations

**Trish Reinbold**

Director of Children's Ministry

**Spencer Owen**

Director of Youth Ministry

**Misty Kudrna**

Digital Media Coordinator

**Kevin Reinbold**

Facilities Manager

**Jenny Darr**

Communications Coordinator

**Kathy Kistler**

Office Manager

**Susan Porter**

Executive Assistant

**Pat Boozikee**

Office Assistant

## Little Lamb Leadership

**Tonya Isaac**

Director of Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare

**Rhonda DeVries**

Assistant Director/Registrar

**Jenny Darr**

Assistant Director-Communications/Train



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

- **Lucas Michael Overby**, son of Patrick & Laura Overby, was baptized this weekend
- **Gene & Bev Schellpeper** celebrate 50 years of marriage February 6<sup>th</sup>

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Hans & Ellen Schwartz's daughter, Paula**, recovering from surgery
- **Hugh Nels**, recovering from broken bones in his foot
- **Jim Parks**, preparing for surgery
- **Otis & Clarice Howard**, recovering from COVID
- **Tom Upton** recovering at home from heart surgery
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Darrel Swenson**, being treated for heart arrhythmia
- **Jay Shattuck**, awaiting test results
- **Jim Wegner**, recovering at Brookstone Village following COVID
- **All those battling cancer:**
  - **Sherri Flanagan**
  - **Donna Tatreau**
  - **Lori Gedwillo**
  - **Steve Jipp**
  - **Daren Kizlin**

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **Jessica Thurman and family** at the passing of her uncle, Jerry Anderson

### 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

