



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of February 13, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend nearly twenty Confirmation students will be taking their First Communion after being instructed in this sacrament on Saturday morning. These youth will be recognized and prayed for prior to Communion during the 10:45am service. We thank God for this life-sustaining gift and welcome our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to join us for the Lord's Supper!

NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

All Midweek activities this week, Wednesday February 16, are cancelled due to Millard Schools' break in classes. Midweek classes will resume next week, February 23, at 6:30pm.

ASSURE WOMEN'S CENTER VALENTINE BABY SHOWER

You are invited to an "Assure" baby shower on **Monday, February 14 from 1-2:30 p.m.** in the Chapel hosted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift(s) and stay for coffee and treats. You may also bring a baby gift to church during the next couple of weeks and place it in the receptacle in the atrium. Appropriate gifts are baby diapers or Newborn-24 month clothing. Thanks for participating. With questions, email Betty Buller, jimandbetty@gmail.com or call Sandy Womack at 402-350-1166.

GILES PROPERTY UPDATE

Praise the Lord! I am pleased to announce that on February 3, 2022, a purchase agreement was signed for the 168th & Giles Property. Cogleywood LLC is the purchaser and the purchase price is \$1,755,200. The buyer is a

LLC of an experienced and known Omaha development group (Sage Capital). DSLC will realize a gain on the sale of the property after accounting for the purchase cost, interest-carry costs, planning costs and other costs. The buyers will have a 150-day due-diligence period before title is conveyed and funds exchanged. Once the net closing funds are received, they will be applied to the bank loan. Thank you for your faithful prayers and patience during this process! Please pray for a satisfactory and favorable buyer due-diligence period! Respectfully, Stuart Bartruff (Congregational President)

MISSION OF CHRIST NETWORK

You may remember our support for Nathan and Beth Toenjes in Asia, where they had served for two years. The Lord blessed them with a healthy baby girl last June and then they returned to the States last fall and are now in Lincoln where Nathan serves as Mission Coordinator for Calvary Lutheran Church and Beth is working for a non-profit ministry called Food Fort. The work they were doing in Asia will be continued by Rev. Michael Parris, who will be preaching in all services the weekend of February 19-20. He is getting ready to go to Asia this summer. We will have a special offering that weekend to support this work with Mission of Christ Network (MCN). We will take a door offering that weekend or you can give on our website. This is our Ministry of the Month for February.

PICKLEBALL GROUP

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and ping pong. It's one of the fastest growing sports in the country and was created for all ages and skill levels. We're gauging interest in starting a Pickleball program in the Gym on Saturdays, 9am-11am, in hopes of creating an environment

that is conducive to building relationships, discipleship and fellowship with our community. Interested in playing pickleball? Contact Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org or call the church office.

FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Our Funeral Meal Ministry Team blesses grieving families with a meal and a time to fellowship here at Divine Shepherd. The Funeral Ministry Team is needing volunteers that are able to help set up before and clean up after meals. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jennifer Perkins at jennifer@dsomaha.org or (303) 550-1101.

GOURMET GROUP FEBRUARY OUTING

The Gourmet Group for Divine Shepherd will meet on February 20th at 6PM at Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant 156th and Pacific. We welcome new members, so if you want an evening out come join us. I need to have a full count by February 16th if you plan to join us. Julie Schenk at julieaschenk@gmail.com or 402-669-7662.

LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE – WE'RE HIRING! Little Lamb is hiring part-time and full-time staff! If you know of someone who loves kids and is looking for a job, please pass along our info to them. Contact Tonya Isaac (tonya@dsomaha.org) to learn more about working at Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare.

REGISTER FOR CONCORDIA GALA

Registration for tickets and sponsorships is now open for the 16th Annual Concordia Gala on March 4, 5:30pm. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship & raising funds to further the mission of Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha. Event highlights will include silent & live auction, dining stations, wine pull, and dessert dash. Go to <https://concordiaomaha.home.qtego.net> to purchase tickets for the Gala.

QUILTING MINISTRY

Come sew and fellowship with us and make warm, cozy quilts for the less fortunate. We will be meeting every Tuesday, 1pm-4pm in the Chapel. Bring your machine, thread, fabric scissors, and any cotton scraps you have to add to our quilts. We welcome everyone to join us in sewing, cutting, and pressing. We are also accepting donations of fabric, thread, and sewing notions. If you have questions or are

interested in quilting, please contact Bonnie Clark at (402) 689-9108.

Going through a tough time – emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of Divine Shepherd or Grace Hill congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn more talk to Pastor Mark or Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or email Joan at mario87@windstream.net.

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Make plans to join us for the Comedy Night fundraiser on Friday, March 11 at 6:30pm featuring Omaha's Comedy Dad, Chris Scheufele! Tickets to the show, including a pasta dinner served by the youth, are on sale now at dsomaha.org/events and are \$20/person or \$150/table of 8. The youth group's live and silent auction will also be taking place that evening with pre-bidding available online or in the church atrium in the two weeks leading up to the Comedy Night. On-site childcare for parents who need a "night out" will be available that evening for kids 6 months and older. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a night full of laughter here at Divine Shepherd! All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Youth Group.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR 2021-2022

October	The Lutheran Church of South Sudan
November	GracePoint Institute for Relational Health
December	Angel Tree
January	Assure Women's Center
Feb. 19-20	Mission of Christ Network— Rev. Michael Parris preaching
March 5-6	Lutheran Bible Translators—Rev. Dr. Brent Smith preaching
April	Lutheran World Relief School Kits
May	Gideons
June	New York City Church Planting— Pastor Sean Chapman
July	Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia—Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright
August	Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare
September	The Garuna Foundation—Schools in Cambodia

We will be adding more information as more details come into view month by month.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY VISIT

High School youth (and parents!) are invited to join Spencer on a visit to Concordia University Nebraska in Seward - just one hour west of Omaha - on Monday, February 21st! With more than 70 academic programs, CUNE might just have something for you! This is a free trip with no strings attached - even if you've made up your mind about college - join us for a day of exploring campus, visiting with professors and coaches, and talking to college students about their experience. More details and the sign up to join the trip can be found online at [dsomaha.org/events](https://www.dsomaha.org/events).

CANASTA CARD CLUB

Canasta Card Club will meet Tuesday, February 22, at 1:00 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Jan Tieken at 402-895-3262.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS RESCHEDULED

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd has been rescheduled, and will start on Sunday, March 27. The class, which had been set to begin February 6, is for those who do not have a background in our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. This class will meet for six one-hour sessions at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, taking a one-week break on Easter Sunday, April 17, and finishing on May 8.

A separate, one-hour orientation class for members who have recently transferred to Divine Shepherd from other Lutheran congregations will take place as scheduled on Sunday, March 20. The orientation class will be held in the Trinity Center on the lower level at 9:30 a.m. that day, with a welcome ceremony to follow at the 10:45 a.m. service. To inquire about either class, contact Pastor Jim at jim@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.



Altar flowers are given by Pat and Deb Ganyo in celebration of 19 years of marriage.

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, February 14

10:00am **Women's Bible Study** The Gospel of John (Trinity Center)
12:00pm **Assure Valentine Baby Shower** (Chapel)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl**

Tuesday, February 15

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Chapel)
1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 16

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

Thursday, February 17

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

Friday, February 18

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

Saturday, February 19

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

Sunday, February 20

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
9:30am **Bible Study** - "I Believe: The Creeds in My Life" (Commons) with Pastor Doug Morton
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton



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

- **For the reduction in Covid cases**
- **That more of God's people are returning to church**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Donna Wilshusen**, recovering from heart procedure
- **Dave Sizer, Steve's father**, recovering from surgery
- **Faith Ramsey**, for healing
- **Jorden**, grandson of Dennis & Cheryl Evans, for medical solutions
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **Rev. Ron Gocken**, former Divine Shepherd pastor, in hospice care
- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Duane Stohs**, healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **Chris Dennis**, upcoming shoulder surgery
- **All those battling cancer: 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 Margaret Stanesic**, called home to the Lord February 9
- **The family of Mike Pflingsten, brother of Craig Pflingsten**, who went home to the Lord February 7

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **For the honoring and defense of God's gift of life**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including 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 pandemic to subside**

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