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***For the Week of October 3, 2021***



## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

### **WORSHIP LEADER CHANGE**

Aaron Bressman has decided that it is time to step down from his role as worship leader for our 9:30 and 10:45am services to spend more time with his family. Aaron has been serving since 1994 when his father, Ken Bressman, and fellow member John Floth, established the first praise team at Divine Shepherd. In those days Aaron sang for the team, but his dad wanted him to play the keyboard. Aaron told his dad that he didn't play the keyboard, to which his dad said, "you'll figure it out." Aaron has been "figuring it out" for the glory of God and to bless our congregation with the musical gifts the Lord has given him for many years. We thank him and we thank God for him and his faithful service. This is Aaron's last Sunday. We will have a basket on a table in the Atrium this weekend for those who would like to communicate their thanks, love and well wishes to Aaron in a card shower. Divine Shepherd member Chris Scheufele will be stepping into this leadership role. We will introduce you to him next week.

### **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTH SUDAN**

The president of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) will visit Divine Shepherd the weekend of Oct. 9-10. Rev. Jordan Long leads a church body of about 60,000 members with congregations in South Sudan, Kenya and western Ethiopia. Many of the church body's members fled a civil war in South Sudan and are living as refugees in other countries. Pastor Doug Morton, Pastoral Care Assistant at Divine Shepherd, has been a leader and teacher in the LCSS seminary in Gambela, Ethiopia for years,

helping to train pastors. Pastor Jim Rasmussen joins Pastor Morton on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan-North America, an organization which supports the African church body. **Rev. Long will give a brief presentation during services Oct. 9-10**, and a special offering for the LCSS's ministry will be taken. Please consider supporting the work of the LCSS!

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 8!**

Next summer's gathering is July 8-15th in Houston, Texas and is open to all students entering high school (current 8th graders) to seniors. Additional details, cost information and online registration can be found online at [dsomaha.org/NYG](https://dsomaha.org/NYG). Anyone with specific questions can talk to Spencer or email him at [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org).

### **New Bible Study, 9:30am on Sundays "I Believe: The Creeds in My Life"**

We regularly recite the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. Once a year, on Trinity Sunday, we recite the Athanasian Creed. If you have questions about what the creeds actually mean, or if you would simply like to grow deeper in your understanding of the creeds, then this Sunday morning Bible study can be helpful to you. This class will be held in the Commons Room (on the lower level) from 9:30am - 10:30am each Sunday. This study is also available via zoom. Come and join us in a journey that will help you see the creeds in new and exciting ways, and learn that they do have extreme relevance for our everyday lives. For more information, contact Pastor Doug Morton at [doug@dsomaha.org](mailto:doug@dsomaha.org).

## **MIDWEEK CONNECTION OCTOBER 6 MEAL OPTIONS:**

Pot Roast and Scalloped Potatoes or Beefy Lasagna with Green Beans sautéed with bacon and onion

**Now available - a salad with every meal!**

## **PRICES**

\$8 for adults, \$5 for children (6-10 years old) and kids 5 and under are free

**Those planning to attend the meal this week must register online or at the table in the atrium BEFORE 9AM ON MONDAY, OCT. 4.**

## **NEXT WEEK'S MEAL:**

Meatloaf with Green Beans with bacon & onions or Chicken & Pasta Alfredo with Buttered Corn

## **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY – FIRST MEETING**

Want to meet other Young Adults here at Divine Shepherd? Then you're invited to our Young Adult Meetup on Sunday, October 3rd from 5-6:30pm here at the church! Anyone in their 20s & 30s is welcome to join us - single, married, with kids, anyone! Those with children are welcome to bring them along, and if there's a need the nursery will be available. Attendees can bring their favorite appetizer to share with the group as we spend some time building connections and gather ideas of what a Young Adult ministry could look like in the future. Let us know you're coming by clicking the events button on the homepage at [dsomaha.org](http://dsomaha.org)!

## **NEW BABY MEAL MINISTRY**

### **Can you share a meal with a new mom?**

Divine Shepherd is starting a new ministry to help care for families. We are looking for additional team members for our New Baby Meal Ministry! If you can help love our young families in this way, sign up online at [dsomaha.org/meals](http://dsomaha.org/meals) or contact Jenny Darr at [jennydarr@dsomaha.org](mailto:jennydarr@dsomaha.org). Once you're added to our list, you'll be kept informed of each new opportunity to serve and provided a way to sign up to deliver a specific meal to the families. We know not everyone is a cook, so instead of a homemade meal, feel free to provide a gift card, a take-out meal, or a premade meal from Costco!

**Are you or your wife expecting?** Please email Jenny Darr with your due date so we can get you on our radar and bless you with some meals!

## **NEW! Kids Church, 9:30am Service**

Calling All Kids: We've started doing something new during the 9:30 service. Before the sermon starts, Miss Trish will invite kids to come to the Chapel for Kids Church. Kids Church will consist of a message geared toward kids who are 5-9 years old, along with music, crafts and activities. However, kids a little older and a little younger are also welcome to join us. Kids will stay with Miss Trish until the end of the 9:30 service. Kids should enter the sanctuary with their parents and sit with them until invited to come out. Kids Church is replacing the Sunday School classes we have had in the past. We hope you can join us for Kids Church!



## **TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 31 from 3-5 pm in the upper parking lot. All kids and their families are invited to come by! We also need people to decorate the trunks (or sides or beds or whatever parts you'd like) of your vehicle and hand out candy to the kids who come by. If you would like to decorate a vehicle for Trunk or Treat, please sign up on our website to let Trish know. We will also be collecting candy to hand out during this event. Please put donated candy in the labeled bin in the atrium. Thank you!

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties – Loss of a loved one; job loss; imprisonment; hospitalization; disability; infertility; spiritual crisis; loneliness; discouragement; divorce; cancer; many other challenges. Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you – privately and confidentially-to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence in your life. If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our

congregation), contact Pastor Mark or Joan Rowell at [marjo87@windstream.net](mailto:marjo87@windstream.net) or 402-658-1463.

### 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 a card for students & staff out on the rolling wall. 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. Thanks so much for lifting up our Little Lambs in your prayers! It will be a HUGE blessing for all of us!

### SENIORS FOR THE LORD MEETING

Plan to attend the upcoming meeting, October 6. Seniors will be traveling to Lincoln to visit the sunken gardens. We will meet at church at 9:30am for devotions and carpooling. We plan to eat lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Lincoln on 84th St. Please call or email Clarice Howard, 402-934-7237, [owatsonhoward@gmail.com](mailto:owatsonhoward@gmail.com), with your intentions to attend as we need an APPROXIMATE number for lunch. ANYONE is welcome to attend!

### SENIORS FOR THE LORD – ARK ENCOUNTER

Plan NOW to pack your suitcase and travel on an ARK Encounter. God willing, the bus will leave April 18, 2022, and return April 23, 2022. Cost of the trip will be \$565 (double occupancy). Contact Lyle Kruse (402-517-8827) or Clarice Howard (402-934-7237) for necessary paperwork. Occupancy will be limited to 42. Money is NOT being accepted at this time, but please call or email [kruse1185@aol.com](mailto:kruse1185@aol.com) or [owatsonhoward@gmail.com](mailto:owatsonhoward@gmail.com) of your intent to join.

### CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Did you know the phrase "one another" appears some 59 times in the New Testament? Like "love one another," "bear one another's burdens" and "forgive one another." The list goes on. We are going to spend the next nine weeks looking at a number of these passages that illustrate how Christians are to regard and treat one another. Here's the schedule:

**Oct. 3** "Forgive One Another" Ephesians 4:32

**10** "Stir Up One Another"

Hebrews 10:19-25

**17** "Pray for One Another" James 5:13-20

**24** "Encourage One Another"

Hebrews 3:7-19

**31** "Teach and Admonish One Another"

Colossians 3:15-17

**Nov. 7** "Serve One Another" Galatians 5:13-15

**14** "Bear One Another's Burdens"

Galatians 6:1-5 GracePoint Sunday with Dr. Justin Hannemann

**21** "Honor and Live In Harmony with One Another" Romans 12:9-16

### 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>



**Altar flowers** are given by Philip and Lisabet Alexander in thankfulness for all their blessings and in celebration of 21 years of marriage.

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# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, October 4

10:00am **Women's Bible Study** The Gospel of John (Trinity Center)  
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl**

## Tuesday, October 5

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** "The Power of Forgiveness." (Chapel)

## Wednesday, October 6

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** "Gathered in Faith" (Trinity Center)  
9:30am **Seniors for the Lord** outing  
5:00pm **Hope Youth Handbell Choir** (Sanctuary)  
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**  
5:00-6:00pm **Meal in the gym**  
6:15-6:25pm **Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)**  
6:30-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

## Thursday, October 7

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

## Friday, October 8

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

## Saturday, October 9

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

## Sunday, October 10

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion  
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)  
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)  
9:45am **Kids Church**  
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion  
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton



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

- **Kelly Betts & Reid Hanny**, married this weekend
- **Phillip & Lisabet Alexander**, celebration of their 21st anniversary on October 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Aaron Bressman**, for his many years of faithful worship leading

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Robert Conley**, hospitalized following a fall
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with severe joint pain
- **All those battling cancer:**
  - **Cyndee Earl**
  - **Gary Toelle**
  - **Bob Oberhauser**
  - **Laura Rogers**
  - **Sherri Flanagan**
  - **Donna Tatreau**
  - **Steve Jipp**
  - **Daren Kizlin and his sister**

### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Jake Ulrich and 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 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