

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of October 31, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Divine Shepherd is pleased to welcome the following new members in our 10:45 service this Sunday:

Kathy Anderson
Tom Butkus
Jerry and Laurie Arn
David and Vonnie Bartlett
Eric, Chelsea and Lillian Maloney
Eric and Deb Meissner
Ryan, Wendi, Eastyn and Kyle Munhall
Elaine Quick
Emil and Diane Radik
Michael and Linda Schneider
Steve Shively
Brent, Jennie, Zachary, Katelyn
and Sophia Smith
Jean Volker
Justin and Jordan Wecker
John, Nonette and Tristan Ziegler

Stop and get acquainted with these brothers and sisters in Christ at a reception in the Atrium following the service.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Come join us this afternoon for Trunk or Treat! This event will be held in the parking lot of Divine Shepherd this Sunday, October 31 from 3-5pm in the upper parking lot. Bring your kids in costume so they can enjoy gathering candy from the decorated trunks!

Help us kickstart our goal of raising \$50,000 for the 2022 LCMS Youth

Gathering! In July 2022, 38 youth and adults will travel to Houston, Texas for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering. Held every 3 years, the Gathering is a faith-filled, fun experience for

20,000-plus youth from around the country to learn, grow and serve in the name of Jesus!



M&M CHALLENGE

Here at Divine Shepherd we're kicking off our fundraising effort with an M&M challenge on the weekend of November 6-7. That weekend at all of our worship services, you'll be handed a tube of mini M&M's from a youth or adult attending the Gathering as you exit the sanctuary. Take the M&M's home and enjoy this chocolatey treat on us! Then, if you're able, fill the plastic tube with either coins, cash or a check and return it to the church anytime before November 21st and place it in the designated Youth Gathering bucket in the atrium. Donations of all sizes are welcome! Checks can be made payable to Divine Shepherd.

As donations come in, be sure to watch us fill in our "Road to Houston" poster as we work to achieve our fundraising goal throughout the next 8 months! As a way to say thank-you to the congregation for their support and as a way to give back to our church community, when certain fundraising milestones are hit, gathering participants will do the following:

- \$20,000 - Serve coffee & donuts on a Sunday
- \$30,000 - Greet and usher during all services
- \$40,000 - Have a church cleanup day
- \$50,000 - Host a free congregational breakfast

Please prayerfully consider partnering with us and investing in our youth here at Divine Shepherd! If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact

Spencer Owen, Director of Youth Ministry,
at spencer@dsomaha.org.



GRACEPOINT

The weekend of November 13-14 Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann, CEO of GracePoint Institute for Relational Health will be with us to share a message from God's Word for our *One Another* sermon series. Our theme that weekend is, "Bear One Another's Burdens." GracePoint Institute for Relational Health, a 501c3 non-profit counseling ministry, was co-founded in 2012 by Pastor Mark Hannemann and his son Justin. Divine Shepherd members, Bill Seim, Dan Brown, Steve Beyer, and Bill Kerns serve on the GracePoint board of directors. GracePoint has counseling offices in Omaha and Lincoln and serves people from our region, serves church workers from around the country with assessments and counseling services, and provides presentations and consulting services for the church at large. We will receive a special door offering that weekend to support GracePoint's work.

TURKEY 'N' FIXIN'S FOOD DRIVE

Divine Shepherd is hosting a food drive for Open Door Mission. We aim to help provide fresh, nutritious meals this holiday season to the hungry and homeless in the Heartland. You can bring the food items to the bins in the atrium until Nov. 14. Open Door Mission has provided a list of nonperishable items to donate:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Boxed Meals (like Hamburger helper)
- Soup
- Pasta/Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Mac 'n' cheese

MIDWEEK CONNECTION NOVEMBER 3 MEAL OPTIONS:

Beef Stroganoff with Corn or Herb Chicken and Rice Pilaf with toasted almonds

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, NOV 1.

November 10 Meal:

Pot Roast and Scalloped Potatoes or Beefy Lasagna and Green Beans

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES began October

28. Pastor Hannemann is leading a grief recovery support group beginning October 28 and running for 4 weeks, ending on November 18. The group will meet at church at 10:30am each Thursday. Please let Pastor know if you are coming or if you have questions by emailing him at mark@dsomaha.org.

JOIN THE GREETING TEAM

How comforting it is to be greeted as you enter church for worship! If you would like to pass a friendly "Good morning" or "Hello" along to other worshipers please consider becoming a greeter. The schedule is flexible and only requires approximately 20 minutes a month of your time. Contact Joan Rowell with questions or to sign up at 402-658-1463 or email marjoa87@gmail.com or the church office at 402-895-1500.



ANGEL TREE – COMING SOON!

Angel Tree season is drawing near, and God has blessed us with the opportunity to show his love to 250 children and over 100 incarcerated citizens! Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents. In addition to purchasing gift cards for the children, we are in need of volunteers to help call families, fill out angel tags, and help organize this operation. When tags are ready, we invite you to take an angel or two or five and bring back a \$20 Walmart gift card for each tag. We are also asking for financial donations to pay for postage and cover any angels not taken. Watch for more details in early November and please contact the church office or Rosy Gunn (402- 330-7727) if you are willing to help with Angel Tree this year.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Seniors will plan to meet on November 3 at 9:45am at Divine Shepherd for a speaker on trafficking women. Julie Shrader, Founder and CEO of Rejuvenating Women will present a program. Rejuvenating Women assists in the prevention of human trafficking by providing a trauma-informed short and long-term housing recovery program while helping to restore their physical, emotional, and spiritual health. ANYONE is welcome to attend. We plan to order in pizza so please bring \$5 if you plan to eat with the group. Stay tuned for details as our November meeting nears.

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>

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 few weeks looking at a number of these passages that illustrate how Christians are to regard and treat one another. Here's the schedule:

- 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



Altar flowers are given by Dennis and Cheryl Evans in celebration of their 55th anniversary on October 30th.

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Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare				
3rd Quarter Financial Update				
	Month Ending 9/30/21		Year-to-Date 9/20/21	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
DSLCL Income	\$85,500	\$120,045	\$949,375	\$1,047,147
LLPC Income	\$66,804	\$64,541	\$583,769	\$535,467
Total Income	\$152,304	\$184,586	\$1,533,144	\$1,582,614
DSLCL Expense	\$95,171	\$116,763	\$1,024,458	\$1,002,066
LLPC Expense	\$65,999	\$70,124	\$581,521	\$557,868
Total Expense	\$161,170	\$186,887	\$1,605,979	\$1,559,934
Total Deficit/Surplus	-\$8,866	-\$2,301	-\$72,835	\$22,680

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of the Church, Preschool and Childcare Center.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

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

Wednesday, November 3

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** "*Gathered in Faith*" (Trinity Center)
9:45am **Seniors for the Lord** speaker (Chapel?)
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, November 4

10:30am **Grief Recovery Series** (Chapel)
7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, November 5

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

Saturday, November 6

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

Sunday, November 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (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)
9:45am **Kids Church**
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

- **Dennis & Cheryl Evans**, in celebration of their 55th anniversary on October 30

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Pat Reed**, recovering from surgery
- **Doris Schroeder**, recovering from surgery
- **Bridgett Sanne**, recovering from surgery
- **Jane McKercher**, recovering from knee surgery
- **Joe Colvert**, recovering from surgery
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with severe joint pain
- **Pete Gunn**, brother of Don, with heart problems
- **Patti Jensen**, suffering from leg pain
- **David Gesch**, battling covid
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Cyndee Earl**
 - **Gary Toelle**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Laura Rogers**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin and his sister Angie**

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