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For the Week of February 20, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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 is preaching this weekend. He is getting ready to go to Asia this summer. We will have a special offering this weekend to support this work with Mission of Christ Network (MCN). You can give at our door offering or on our website. This is our Ministry of the Month for February.

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Join us for the Ash Wednesday Communion service at Noon or 7:00pm in our *In View of God's Mercy* series for Lent, as we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we consider the ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of our sins and remember that God lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ.

Starting March 9, Lenten Services will be held at 7:15 in the sanctuary through April 6. Please join us for these 45 minute services with your family.

Lenten Series Schedule

March 2, Ash Wednesday - Mercy in Ashes
March 9, Week 1 - Mercy in Temptation
March 16, Week 2 - Mercy in Suffering
March 23, Week 3 - Mercy in Betrayal
March 30, Week 4 - Mercy in Relationships

April 6, Week 5 - Mercy in Service

April 10, Palm Sunday - Mercy in the Psalms

April 14, Maundy Thursday - Mercy in Bread and Wine

April 15, Good Friday - Mercy in the Cross

April 16-17, Easter - Mercy in the Open Tomb

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated baby items for Assure Women's Center. Your generosity is much appreciated. The cradle has been full and overflowing and will be in the Atrium until Monday, February 21, if you still want to add something to it. Assure Women's Center saves lives. God bless you. With love from The Prayer Shawl Group.

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Do you need a night out with some friends or a significant other? Or maybe a kid-free evening? Then make plans to join us for our Comedy Night Fundraiser on Friday, March 11 featuring Omaha's Comedy Dad and fellow Divine Shepherd member, Chris Scheufele! It's guaranteed to be a great evening that you'll enjoy, all while supporting our Youth! Tickets are \$20/person or \$150 for a table of 8 and include a catered pasta meal and the show. Tickets can be purchased online at dsomaha.org/events, on Sunday mornings in the atrium, or the church office during the week. In addition to the comedy show and meal, we'll also be having our live and silent auction with online pre-bidding available starting February 25. On-site childcare will be available for kids 6 months and older. Questions? E-mail spencer@dsomaha.org.

MIDWEEK RESUMES THIS WEEK

All Midweek classes and activities resume this week, Wednesday, February 23. Consider joining Pastor Mark's Adult Bible Study this week at

6:30pm in the Chapel—Open Topic Night, or one of the other adult studies offered.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD – MARCH MEETING

March 2 at 9:30am the next Seniors for the Lord meeting in the Chapel. Connie Krueger will be speaking about the orphanage that she and her husband built in Haiti. She will speak about the poverty, crime, and challenges that they are facing. We plan to go to eat at the Pizza Ranch on 84th following the meeting.

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.

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.

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.

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.

QUILTING MINISTRY

Come sew and fellowship with us and make warm, cozy quilts for those in need. 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 marjo87@windstream.net.

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.



Altar flowers for the 20th are given by Jeanette Janke in thankfulness and praise for all of the blessings this year.

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 21

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

Tuesday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 24

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

Friday, February 25

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

Saturday, February 26

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

Sunday, February 27

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (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) with Pastor Doug Morton
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 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 our partnership with missionaries**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Marlin Mundt**, father of Matt, hospitalized in Norfolk
- **Diane Daubendiek**, recovering from knee surgery
- **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**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **All those battling cancer: Dale Sieber, 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 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