



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of August 22, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

8/22 & 8/29
**SIGN UP
SUNDAYS**

Sign Up Sundays

It's Sign Up Sunday! We're inviting you to join us by participating and serving in the life of our church

family this fall. The church is so much more than a building or something we do on Sunday mornings. It's a community, a family in Christ. We have something for everyone!

Please fill out one card for each member in your household, including children. You can turn in the form today in the baskets as you leave or bring it back next Sunday.

We're happy to answer any questions you may have about ways you can connect with God and others here at Divine Shepherd! You can Find DS staff in the atrium on August 22 and 29 between services to learn more.



INTRODUCING DIVINE SHEPHERD'S **MIDWEEK CONNECTION:** Exciting changes are coming to Wednesday nights at Divine Shepherd. Our focus will be on CONNECTIONS; connections first and foremost with God and His Word and

also connections between each other. We are calling it MIDWEEK CONNECTION. Starting on Wednesday, September 8, we will offer a meal from 5-6 pm, an Opening for ages 3-103+ in the Sanctuary from 6:15-6:25 and classes and/or Bible studies for all ages from 6:30-7:30. We will be offering four4 adult Bible studies, a high school Bible study, middle school Confirmation classes and Bible story classes for 5th graders down through 3 year olds. The Nursery will also be available for children who can sit up by themselves (about 6 months old) through 2 year olds. Please register yourself and your children for classes at dsomaha.org. Also new to Wednesday nights: registrations will need to be made for the dinner being offered every Wednesday. Don't like what will be served? Feel free to bring your own dinner and still enjoy the fellowship of your Divine Shepherd friends around a table in the gym. Registration for dinner will also be on our website.

Membership Class Starting: A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will begin Sunday, Sept. 17. This class, for those who don't have a background in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. The class will meet for seven weeks at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Trinity Center on the lower level, and will be taught by the pastors. If you are interested in joining and have current or past membership in another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, only a one-hour orientation class is required. That will take place Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m. To enroll or inquire about either class, contact Kathy in the church office, 402-895-1500, or kathy@dsomaha.org.



Jenny Darr, who has been serving on staff in the area of communications and assisting in leadership with Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare, is now stepping into the role of Director of Community Life for our congregation. Jenny is an experienced church worker, having served for 10 years in children’s ministry in another church. She will continue to help with our communications needs as well. She already has been a great blessing to us since coming on staff this past year. In her new role she will be focused on connecting members of the congregation with fellowship, service and Christian growth opportunities. She is married to Josh and they are expecting their first child in November.



SAVE THE DATE! Divine Shepherd’s Family Fest is Sunday, September 19 from 9:00am-1:00pm in the church’s upper parking lot. There will be inflatables, face-painting, food, games, music and great fellowship. More details in the weeks to come. You won’t want to miss it!



Next Weekend’s Sermon
August 28 & 29

Stand Your Ground
Ephesians 6:10-20

Adult Bible Studies

Bible Studies are available at Divine Shepherd—email contact person for more information.

Sunday mornings: 10:45am

Zoom Adult Bible study on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at spencer@dsomaha.org

Monday mornings: 10:00 am

Women’s Bible study on the Gospel of John led by Trish Reinbold will begin on Monday, September 13 in the Trinity Center. Contact Trish to let her know you will be joining or for more information: trish@dsomaha.org

Tuesday mornings: 10:00am

Pastor Mark’s Bible Study is entitled “*The Power of Forgiveness.*”

Friday mornings: 6:15am

Men’s study on **2 Corinthians**, in person in the Shepherd’s Room.



Office Volunteers Needed

The church office is in need of volunteers to answer phones and do project work on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am-2:00pm. If you would like to be a part of the volunteer team that supports the church office please contact jennie@dsomaha.org or kathy@dsomaha.org or call the church office at 402-895-1500



Upcoming Middle School & High School Events at Divine Shepherd

The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is fast approaching--we’re under a year away! Next summer’s gathering is in Houston, Texas and is for all high school students in grades 9-12. Mark your calendars! **Registration for the gathering will open on Sunday, August 15th with all registrations due by Friday, October 1st.** Additional details, cost information and online registration can be found at dsomaha.org/NYG. Anyone with specific questions can talk to Spencer or email him at spencer@dsomaha.org.

The Nebraska Middle School Youth Gathering is happening this year on November 13-14 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in LaVista! Cost of the gathering is \$150/person

and includes a t-shirt, housing at the Embassy Suites, meals, and all program expenses. Registration increases on September 1 to \$170 with a deadline of September 20. For more information, visit dsomaha.org or email spencer@dsomaha.org.

Seniors Outing September 1st Our first outing of the year is to St Cecelia's Cathedral (701 N 40th St). Meet at church at 11am to carpool to lunch at 11:30 at Sgt Peffers (13760 Millard Ave). Tour of the cathedral to follow. \$2 fee. Ramp is available for entry. Tour is "step free" except for an art collection. Please RSVP to Shirley Asmussen by August 27th. Either email, text or call: shirleymasmussen@gmail.com 402-690-7293



Altar flowers are given by the family of Carol Withhart in celebration of her birthday and by Ellen and Hans Schwartz in celebration of the 46th anniversary on August 27th.



Women's Canasta card group will meet the last Tuesday of each month, beginning August 31st at 1:00pm in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to know how to play--we will teach you! Call Jan Tieken for more details—402-895-3262.



Handbell Choir

Would you like to find out what handbell choir is all about? Do you

already know how to play handbells? If so, you are in luck! We have openings in the Divine Shepherd Ceaseless Praise Handbell Choir. Anyone interested should be high school age or older, but no experience is necessary. (Being able to read music is helpful but not required.) To learn more, contact Angie Miller at sahm.miller2@gmail.com or 402-206-3071. We are also having a "Get to Know You" potluck gathering in the church gym on Friday, August 27th at 6:30pm. Come join in the fun!

HEY KIDS, DO YOU LIKE MUSIC? Would you like to join other kids who also like music? Kids

in 4th-8th grade are invited to join our Hope Youth Handbell Choir. You do NOT need to know how to read music and no experience is necessary. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 in the Sanctuary starting on September 8. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Judy Newman at cjnewman4@hotmail.com or (402) 676-6607.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann

Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries

Rev. James Rasmussen

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Important Dates for your Calendar

August 22	Sign Up Sunday!
August 29	Sign Up Sunday!
August 31	Canasta Card Group
September 8	Midweek Connection begins
September 19	Family Fest

This Week's Calendar

Monday, August 23

1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, August 24

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

Wednesday, August 25

Thursday, August 26

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

Friday, August 27

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

Saturday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 29

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)

8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)

9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

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

- **Emilia Cassiah Lee**, daughter of Joshua & Lauren Lee, baptized this weekend

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Rosy Gunn**, hospitalized for tests to diagnose severe joint pain
- **Liz Pyatt**, diagnosed with thyroid disease
- **Janine Podany**, recovering from surgery to remove a tumor
- **Bob Dolezal**, recovering from hernia surgery
- **Diane, sister of Tom Lundquist**, healing after a fall
- **Kathy Stinnett**, complications following knee surgery
- **Kathy Weber**, knee replacement
- **Marty Rowell**, battling spinal problems
- **Bill Adams, brother of Dennis Adams**, hospitalized with a severe infection
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin**

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed
- **Nick Bredenkamp & Jake Ulrich**, deployed
- **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
- **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