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For the Week of February 27, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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.

MIDWEEK DURING LENT

Our Midweek Connection schedule changes slightly during Lent. There will be NO MIDWEEK CONNECTION CLASSES OR STUDIES ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2. During the following 4 Wednesdays (March 9, 16, 23 and 30) Midweek Connection will meet in individual classrooms from 6:15-7:05pm. There will be no Opening in the sanctuary. We pray that families will stay to worship with us for our 7:15pm Wednesday night Lenten services. May God bless us during this upcoming Lenten season.

Lenten Series Schedule

March 2, Ash Wednesday - Mercy in Ashes
March 9, Week 2 - Mercy in Temptation
March 16, Week 3 - Mercy in Suffering
March 23, Week 4 - Mercy in Betrayal
March 30, Week 5 - Mercy in Relationships
April 6, Week 6 - Mercy in Service
April 10, Palm Sunday - Mercy in the Psalms
April 14, Maundy Thursday - Mercy in Bread & Wine
April 15, Good Friday - Mercy in the Cross
April 16-17, Easter - Mercy in the Open Tomb

MISSION OF CHRIST NETWORK OFFERING

Thank you for the generous door offering of over \$3,100 given to the Mission of Christ Network to support Rev. Michael Parris and his work in Asia.

SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Be sure to check out some of the items that we'll have at our silent auction, which are available for viewing and bidding starting this weekend. Below is a list of items that can be bid on.

- A beautiful handcrafted Wooden Plaque of Jesus' face
- Handmade wooden Charcuterie boards and crosses
- An "Experience Omaha" basket with tickets to local events and shows
- A cooler with Nebraska Craft Beer and snacks
- Decorative/Home Decor items
- Metal Art handcrafted by Haitian artisans
- Many gift baskets in all different price ranges!
- Plus many more items!

Bidding is now open and will end on Friday, March 11 during the Comedy Night Fundraiser. Bids can be placed on the papers in front of the items in the atrium or on the Online Auction link posted online at dsomaha.org/youth and on Divine Shepherd's social media platforms.

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Rev. Dr. Brent Smith serves as the Executive Development Officer for Lutheran Bible Translators. Millions of people don't have the Bible in a language they understand. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with individuals, organizations, and language communities to put God's Word in their hands. Dr. Smith networks with congregations and individuals and invite all people to be a part of God's story of salvation

through the Bible translation movement. He will be with us the weekend of March 5 & 6 to share a message from God's Word and to share about the work of LBT. A door offering will be received to support this Bible translation work that many might come to know Jesus as their Savior. LBT is our Ministry of the Month for March.

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.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD – MARCH MEETING

March 2 at 9:30am 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.

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 jjim@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.

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.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR 2021-2022

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

Altar flowers are given by Jared and Carly Koger and Bret, Gina and Brooke Williams in loving memory of Chris Koger, Jared's dad whose Celebration of Life service was held February 26th.

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 28

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

9:30am **Seniors for the Lord** (Chapel)
12:00pm **Ash Wednesday Worship**
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:15-7:30pm **NO Midweek Connection Classes or Bible Studies**
7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

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 our partnership with missionaries and God-honoring ministries**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Marlin Mundt**, father of Matt, hospitalized in Norfolk
- **Georgia**, mother of Paul Steege, for peaceful passing
- **Jerry Dickmeyer**, brother of Diane Meyer, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Diane Daubendiek**, recovering from knee surgery
- **Kevin**, extended family member of Jason Merrill, for healing
- **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
- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Duane Stohs**, healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery in rehab
- **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 THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Rev. Ron Gocken**, former Divine Shepherd pastor, called home to the Lord

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 and Tina Byrant and Christian Reinbold
- **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