

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of December 18, 2022

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Traditional Family Services

December 24, 3:00pm & 5:00pm

With children's message

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Communion Services

December 24, 7:00pm & 10:00pm

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 9:30am

Traditional Worship with Communion

No 8:00am or 10:45am service

New Year's Eve & Day

Communion Services

December 31, 5:00pm

January 1, 9:30am

No 8:00am or 10:45am service

The following services will be live-streamed:

- 5:00pm Christmas Eve Traditional Service
- 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 9:30am Christmas Day Service
- 9:30am New Year's Day Service

DIVINE CALL OF NEW SENIOR PASTOR ON AGENDA OF ASSEMBLY MEETING DEC. 18, 12:30PM

The in-person visits of the senior pastor call candidates, Pastor Jeff Skopak and Pastor Brent Smith, have been completed. A recommendation will be made at the Congregational Assembly on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. Please come to hear the recommendation from the call committee and vote to call your next senior pastor of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church. Yours in Christ, Jason Snell, Call Committee Chair

The Mother's Room will be open and available for use with the meeting being streamed on the TV. The Nursery will be staffed and available for children 6 months old through 3 years old.

The meeting also will include elections of officers and approval of the 2023 operating budgets for Divine Shepherd and Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare.

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who participated in Angel Tree this year! We delivered 132 presents on behalf of incarcerated individuals to 26 families, along with Bibles and caregiver presents. Please pray our Angel Tree families would know the love of our Savior and that as a church, we would continue to build relationships with our Angel Tree families.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick your 2023 offering envelopes up on the table in the hallway to the right as you leave the Sanctuary.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26-27, in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's Day.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF?

The 21st Annual Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare Chili Cook-Off is coming Friday, January 27, 2023, 6pm - 8pm. It is changing this year from a fundraiser to a community event. Mark your calendar now to enjoy a night of food, fellowship, and fun with our Divine Shepherd, Little Lamb and community families! Gear up for a fun-filled evening with decorated booths, children's activities, and delicious chili. If you would like to host a chili booth or volunteer the night of the Chili Cook-off, then contact Tonya Isaac, Director of LLPC, to sign-up at (402) 714-3950 or tonya@dsomaha.org.

BECOME A DIVINE SHEPHERD GREETER

Need a New Year's Resolution or is your resolution to become more active in church? An easy and great way to do this is by volunteering to become a

greeter. You can choose the service or services you would like to greet at, accept or decline when you are scheduled, plus meet some new friends. Please consider joining this welcoming and fulfilling ministry. Contact Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 (call or text) or email marjo87@windstream.net.

FLORIDA MISSION TRIP - OPEN TO ALL

Looking for a way to put your faith into action and share the love of Jesus with others? Join us for our Mission Trip to the Miami area this summer - July 8-16th - where we'll partner with a congregation to lead Vacation Bible School and do some community service projects! This trip is open to youth and adults currently in the 8th grade and older (adults joining will be required to have a background check). The out of pocket cost is \$400/person. Additional details can be found online at dsomaha.org/events. The signup deadline is January 12th. Questions? E-mail spencer@dsomaha.org.

DECEMBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Our ministry of the month for December is Concordia University Nebraska (CUNE) in Seward, NE. Concordia is a Christ-centered private institution of higher learning affiliated with our church body, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). CUNE seeks to help students strengthen their own Christian identity and gain the practical experience they need to successfully learn, serve and lead in the church and world. An offering is being taken all month for the Concordia Fund, which provides scholarships for students. You can also give online on Divine Shepherd's website, dsomaha.org, by designating a gift to the Ministry of the Month. Or you can use the yellow envelope in the pew to designate a gift to CUNE.

MIDWEEK MEALS AND CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 11, 2023.

TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study on Tuesday mornings led by Pastor Doug Morton will be taking a break for the holidays, beginning Tuesday, December 20. It will resume on Tuesday, January 10 at 10am.

PICKLEBALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the holidays, we will not be having pickleball on December 14 or 31. We will start again on January 7 at 9am to 11am. Come bring your friends and some fun exercise.

LOST AND FOUND

Keys? Stuffed animals? Glasses? Purses? Blankets? Come and gather what's lost so it can be found. A table in the atrium near the exit will have these lost belongings this weekend. The remaining items will be donated or thrown away on Monday this week.

DIVINE PIECERS, our quilting group is taking a break to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, starting Tuesday, Dec. 20. We will be starting again on Jan. 10. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

LIFE SUNDAY SERVICE

Save the date - January 15, 2023 at 5:30pm when an Omaha Circuit-wide Life Sunday Memorial Service will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 5529 Leavenworth Rd, Omaha. For more information contact Rev. Jeff Duncan at jduncan@lutheransforlife.org.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent me cards and notes during my cancer treatments. Thank you also for praying for me. They were both very much appreciated. - Cheryl Evans

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given by Mel and Corlyn Klug in celebration and thankfulness for 69 years of marriage on December 23.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Please see the website, dsomaha.org, and calendar for our Adult Bible Study offerings.

E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, December 19

10:00am **Women's Bible Study** - "Esther" (Trinity Center)

Tuesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 21

Thursday, December 22

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

Friday, December 23

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

Saturday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

3:00pm **Christmas Eve Traditional Family Service** (Sanctuary)

5:00pm **Christmas Eve Traditional Family Service** (Sanctuary)

7:00pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** (Sanctuary)

10:00pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

9:30am **Christmas Day Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Prayers December 17 and 18

WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING

- **Mel and Corlyn Klug**, celebrating 69 years of marriage

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Lois Koehler**, for healing
- **Steve Jipp**, for healing
- **Bill Seim**, for healing
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing
- **Gary Toelle**, for healing
- **Justin Ryman**, for relief from painful headaches
- **Paula Kresl**, for healing
- **Ginny Meyer**, for healing
- **Les Bockman**, Cindy Campbell's brother, for successful medical treatment
- **Judy Moore**, for recovery from surgery
- **Michael Romero**, son of Grace Romero, for recovery from surgery
- **Mark Greenwald**, for continued healing after surgery
- **Virgil Gruhn**, cousin of Kevin Lammers, recovering from a broken leg
- **Ben Ryan**, friend of Kevin and Cheryl Lammers for healing of pediatric brain cancer
- **Greg Stichler**, son-in-law of Susan Herzeberg and cousin of Mary Jo Gillispie, who is undergoing evaluation at the Mayo Clinic
- **Meredith Round**, niece of Donna Short, for relief from inflammation on her brain resulting from covid

FOR COMFORT AND PEACE

- **For the family of Greg Mosher**, who went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 13.

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Dan Lazinek, Sean Stone, Michael Hanson, Calvin Kruse, and Skyler Bergelt
- **For those who serve in government:** for wisdom, guidance, and a seeking after God
- **For Christians around the world** who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus

FOR THE LORD'S BLESSING AND GUIDANCE

- **Prayers for our congregation as we meet Sunday to consider issuing a call for a senior pastor.** For wisdom and discernment and that God's will be done.
- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare,** thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha,** our partners in Christian education
- **Concordia University Nebraska,** to continue to prepare church workers and other Christian leaders.



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.

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