

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of January 15, 2023

PASTOR BRENT INSTALLATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Rev. Dr. Brent Smith is scheduled to be installed as senior pastor of Divine Shepherd on Sunday, February 5, at the 10:45am service. Having the installation worship service on Sunday morning is designed to encourage members to attend and to accommodate the schedule of Rev. Richard Snow, president of the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who will preach at that service and perform the installation. In order to facilitate the special service the weekend schedule **will be revised, for one week only, as follows:**

Saturday, February 4

- 5pm Blended Worship

Sunday, February 5

- 9am Blended Worship with communion (mix of traditional and contemporary music)
- 10:45am Worship with the installation of our senior pastor
- **Noon: Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the gym** with BBQ sandwiches, sides, and dessert. **Please RSVP for the luncheon online at dsomaha.org/events or by calling the church office before Monday, Jan. 30.**

HELP AT THE INSTALLATION LUNCH

We need some additional helping hands for Pastor Brent Smith's Installation luncheon. If you are available to help decorate tables Saturday afternoon at 1pm on February 4, or to help clean up after the luncheon on February 5, please email Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org. Thank you.

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. All proceeds to benefit Little Lamb Preschool. Come for a small live auction and vote for your favorite chili. Activities and games for kids include face painting, balloon artist, cake walk and carnival games in the classrooms of LLPC.

Ways you can help:

- Host a Chili Booth. Gather a group of friends, neighbors or your Bible Study group/family for your booth. Let Tonya know if you prefer making chili or decorating and she'll even coordinate teams for hosting a booth.
- Volunteer your time the night of the event in the kitchen or clean-up.
- Purchase your tickets. Tickets are on sale in the Atrium. \$8 for Adult tickets (\$10 at the door); \$5 for Children, ages 4-12; 3 and under are free.

Contact Tonya Isaac, Director of LLPC, to sign-up at (402) 714-3950 or tonya@dsomaha.org if you have questions or are ready to help. Thank you for your support.

ASSURE IS MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Our Ministry of the Month for January is Assure Women's Center. Assure provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds for women in Omaha. Assure helps many mothers to make the decision to have their babies rather than make the tragic choice of abortion. A representative from Assure will provide an update on their ministry following services the weekend of Jan. 21-22, which includes Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. A special offering will be taken to support Assure that weekend, or you can give anytime this month by designating an online gift to the Ministry of the Month at dsomaha.org.

PROPERTY SOLD, MORTGAGE PAID!

Praise the Lord! On June 13, 2021, the Divine Shepherd Congregational Assembly approved the listing and sale of Divine Shepherd's property near 168th and Giles Streets. The property was exposed to the market at the end of 2021 and one year ago, a representative of Sage Capital made an inquiry regarding the property. A Purchase Agreement with Sage Capital was executed on February 3, 2022. On January 5, 2023, Congregational President Dan Dittman executed a warranty deed that conveyed ownership of the property to a Sage Capital investment entity. DSLC realized a net gain on the

property of about \$100,000 (accounting for interest expense and other direct expenses). The net proceeds from the sale of property, coupled with the remaining capital campaign account funds on hand, enabled DSLC to pay off the First Westroads Bank loan balance. A ceremonial "burning of the mortgage" will be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration this year. Thank you for your prayers and patience throughout the past 18 months. Praise the Lord! Stuart Bartruff, Congregational Vice-President

JOIN THE SAFETY TEAM

Divine Shepherd's Safety Team is recruiting for additional members. Men, women, even teenagers (16 years and older) are welcome. We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer some of their time to help us keep DSLC a safe and secure place. The only requirements are that you're certified in CPR/First Aid (and we can get that training for you), and that you're willing to help. If you're interested in hearing more, or if you have questions, ask anyone in a blue "SAFETY" shirt, or talk to Scott Custard (scott@movingpartslc.com) or Matt Mundt (mmundt@cox.net).

MIDWEEK MEALS AND CLASSES RESUME

Our Wednesday night Midweek Connection program resumed last week. If you were not able to join us last semester for fellowship and education, now is great time to start midweek classes!

MIDWEEK MEAL

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm on Wednesdays before Midweek classes. Meals cost \$5 for adults and are free for kids 10 and under. January 18 Menu: Sloppy joes, baked beans, salad and chips. Kids: hotdog, chips, mac & cheese.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

5:15 - 6:05pm Meal in the gym
6:15 - 6:25pm Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)
6:30 - 7:30pm Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies

MS & HS YOUTH ICE SKATING EVENT

We're going Ice Skating! Join us on Sunday, January 29th at the Moylan Iceplex while we spin, twirl, and skate the afternoon away (okay, well maybe we're not quite that good...) Whether you're a pro or you've never ice skated before, YOU'RE INVITED to come have some fun. Stay for as little or as long as you'd like. Cost is \$9 per person and can be paid for

at the door. Feel free to bring your friends and family! The Iceplex is located near 125th & Maple. Public skating is from 2:15-6pm so feel free to come anytime between then. Spencer will be there from 3-6pm. No sign-up is required for this event. Simply show up and join in on the fun!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The First Communion Class is offered for Middle School Students (6th-8th Grade) enrolled in our Confirmation program. This class is required before the youth receives the Sacrament and must be taken prior to their Confirmation in 8th grade. Our next class is scheduled for Saturday, February 11 at 9am. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their youth. Sign up online at dsomaha.com/events.

CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

If you have a student ready for Kindergarten for the fall of 2023 (or later) go and learn more about their Kindergarten options. Meet the Kindergarten teachers, visit with experienced and new families, and learn about program specifics. Come and learn more on either Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6pm to 8pm (pizza meal included) or Friday, Jan. 20 from 1pm to 2:30pm. Concordia Academy is located at 1821 N. 90th St.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Seniors for the Lord will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 10am in the Trinity Center. A game day is planned with a soup luncheon following. Any one willing to provide soup needs to contact Janis Pelan at 402-499-0936. Everyone else can bring salad, sandwich, or dessert.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given by Hugh and Kathy Nehls in thankfulness for all of their blessings.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday, 9:30am - Women's Bible Study - "Better, a study of Hebrews" with Dena Nigh (Shepherd's Room)

Monday, 10am - Women's Bible Study - "Esther" with Trish Reinbold (Trinity Center)

Tuesday, 10am - Adult Bible Study - "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John with Pastor Doug (Chapel)

Wednesday

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study - "Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)

6:30pm - Parenting Bible Study - Love-Centered Parenting with Sally Vandenberghe (Shepherd's Room)

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Joy, a Study of Philippians with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)

6:30pm - Men's Bible Study - A Biblical Take on Current Events with Ken Mar and Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)

Friday, 6:15am - Men's Bible Study - Philippians with Jason Snell jsnell@rdotc.com (Shepherd's Room)

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 16

10:00am **Women's Bible Study** - "Esther" (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, January 17

10:00am **Adult Bible Study** "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John (Chapel)
1:00pm **Quilting Group** "Divine Piecers" (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 18

5:15-6:05pm Midweek Meal (Gym)
6:15-7:30pm Midweek Connections Classes (Begin in the Sanctuary)
6:15pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
7:45pm Handbell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 22

8:00am **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00am **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - "Better, a study of Hebrews" (Shepherd's Room)
10:45am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (**Sanctuary**)



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

- **That the sale of our congregation's land** near 168th and Giles has been completed, allowing Divine Shepherd to pay off the mortgage on our property here at 150th and Q Street
- **The family of Cheryl Evans** that her leukemia is gone after 5 months of treatment
- **Tim Koehler**, son of Paul and Lois Koehler, who will be ordained and installed as a pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, MO

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Lois Koehler**, for healing
- **Steve Jipp**, recovering from heart surgery
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing
- **Paula Kresl**, hospitalized
- **Ginny Meyer**, for healing
- **Les Bockman**, Cindy Campbell's brother, for successful medical treatment
- **Judy Moore**, in hospice care
- **Bill Rydstrom**, for pain relief and healing
- **Shirley Aken**, for healing
- **Doris Witecki**, for recovery from an infection and cancer
- **Dennis Evans**, for successful upcoming back surgery
- **David Dierking**, for healing from an infection
- **Andi McDonald**,
- **Doug Ahrens**, nephew of Bonnie Hansen, for treatment and recovery
- **Kelly Spath**, cousin of Vicki Mendlik, diagnosed with cancer
- **Baron Hilbers**, son of Mark and Kali Crane, leaving for Air Force Basic Training this week

FOR COMFORT AND PEACE

- **For the family of Cheryl Lammers**, whose father Ben Ichikawa, passed away early Tuesday morning

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 of thanksgiving that Pastor Brent Smith has accepted the call to become our senior Pastor**
- **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.