

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of October 9, 2022

OCTOBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - CONCORDIA SCHOOLS WEEKEND

Our Ministry of the Month for October is Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha. Concordia offers a Christ-centered education for students K-12. This weekend a representative of Concordia will give a brief presentation at the end of each service. The Concordia High School praise band will lead music at the services at 9:30am and 10:45am this Sunday, October 9. A special offering will be taken to support the ministry of Concordia.

NO MIDWEEK THIS WEEK

There will be no midweek activities on Wednesday Oct. 12 due to Millard Fall Break. We will resume with Midweek meals and classes next week on October 19th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

You're invited - Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday October 30 from 3-5pm in the upper parking lot. All kids and their families are invited to come and enjoy!

Host a Trunk - We need people to decorate the trunks (or sides or beds or whatever parts you'd like) of your vehicle and hand out candy to the kids who come by. If you would like to decorate a vehicle for Trunk or Treat, please sign up on our website to let Trish know.

Donate Candy - We are collecting candy to hand out during this event. Please put donated candy in the labeled bin in the Atrium. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE IS COMING!

Angel Tree season is drawing near, and God has blessed us with the opportunity to show his love to children and incarcerated people! Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. In addition to purchasing gifts, we have multiple opportunities for you to participate in Angel Tree:

1. Calling Team - A personal phone visit with each child's caregiver to determine specific needs (wants).
2. Gift Tags - Help write a child's request on gift tags. Members can purchase gifts on tags.
3. Sorting Gifts - Preparing gifts for wrapping.
4. Wrapping Gifts - Come to a wrapping party!
5. Delivery - Deliver presents to families on the scheduled date.

All of the above will be accomplished by December 10. Watch for more details in early November. Please contact jennydarr@dsomaha.org to be part of this rewarding ministry.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Last week we received our senior pastor candidate call list back from our district office. Your call committee is excited to begin the next step of reviewing the list early this week. May God continue to guide us in this process.

Many thanks, Jason Snell, Call Committee Chair.

EXPERIENCE CONCORDIA OMAHA DAY

Please join us at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School (15656 Fort St.) for our Experience Concordia Day on Friday, October 28 from 12pm to 3pm. We welcome 6th - 12th grade students to this event, where they will enjoy a free pizza lunch, student-led chapel, jazz band entertainment, and so much more! Email Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org for more information or to register. You may also register at bit.ly/ECD-2022

CARE PACKAGES FOR SHUT-INS AND COLLEGE-AGED STUDENTS

Our 6th grade through High School Youth will be putting together care packages for our shut-ins and college-aged students later this month! Each care package will include an encouraging handwritten note from a youth, some goodies, and a devotional book. After praying for the recipients, we'll send them off or deliver them.

But we need your help with two things!

1) Do you have a child or grandchild in college, trade school, or the military that could be blessed by a care package? Submit their name and address online at dsomaha.org/youth and we'd love to send them one! Deadline to submit names and information is Tuesday, October 25th.

2) Could you help deliver some of the care packages to our shut-ins on Thursday or Friday, November 3-4? You can take just a few to those near your neighborhood or you could deliver a whole bunch! It'd be a great way for you and/or your family to meet some of our dearly loved members who aren't able to regularly attend worship in person. If you're interested, please e-mail spencer@dsomaha.org.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Do you love kids? Do you want to help your church? We need you! We need loving people who want to care for our littlest ones to work in the Nursery. Help is needed on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. This is a paid position and provides a wonderful service to our young families. Please call the church office or talk to Trish if you are interested in applying or would like more information.

CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

The Nebraska District LCMS shared with us that October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. More than 11,000 church workers faithfully serve the congregations, schools and people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Congregations and schools are encouraged to thank God for these workers and, throughout the month of October, to show appreciation for their pastors and for all church workers.

2022 CAMP LUTHER WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join women from around the region for Christian growth and fellowship at the 2022 Camp Luther Women's Retreat: "Walk in the Light!", led by author and speaker Deb Burma. This retreat is exclusively for women to grow in faith and friendship in an overnight camp setting. Open to women of all ages and across Nebraska (and beyond!), it's the chance to be encouraged and refreshed by God's love in a positive, fun, and relaxing environment! Activities include crafts, group games, personal retreat time, devotions, worship, and more. Wherever you are in your walk

with God, you are welcome to come share in His joy and love with your sisters in Christ! Register at campluther.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING

The October Stephen Ministry meeting will be October 10 at 7pm in the Shepherd's Room. Hope to see you there!

PICKLEBALL ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

As the weather cools, come play pickleball in our warm gym! Our Pickle ball Group meets on Saturdays in the gym from 9:00am to 11:30am, but players can come and go as schedules permit. If you've never played pickleball, we have experienced players who are happy to instruct and paddles for you to use. Bring a friend, get some exercise and have fun. Questions? E-mail jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming Emily Hart to the church staff as Office Coordinator. Emily and her family attend the 8:00am Sunday morning Worship Service. Welcome, Emily!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Randy and Donna Wilshusen in celebration and praise to God for 13 years of marriage on Oct. 11.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday, 9:30am - Women's Bible Study - "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture," with Dena Nigh (Shepherd's room)

Monday, 10:00am - Women's Bible Study - "Esther" with Trish Reinbold (Trinity Center)

Tuesday, 10:00am - 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)

No class this week

6:30pm - Parenting Bible Study - Sexuality Mentality: Creating a Culture Biblical Integrity with Sally Vandenberghe (Shepherd's room)

No class this week

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

No class this week

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

No class this week

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

**The deadline for weekly communication
submissions is Wednesday, 5pm.**

**E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP
AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG**

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, October 10

- 10:00am **Women's Bible Study** - "Esther" (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)
7:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, October 11

- 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, October 12

No Midweek Activities this week due to fall break at Millard Public Schools.

Thursday, October 13

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

Friday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 15

- 9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 16

- 8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" (Shepherd's Room)
9:30am **New Member Class** (Trinity Center)
10:45am **Modern Worship** (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

- **Randy and Donna Wilhausen**, celebrating 13 years of marriage

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Myra**, sister of Greg Rehr, recovering from knee surgery
- **Jerri**, sister of Bonnie Clark, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Bob Tieken**, continued healing
- **Cheryl Evans**, healing following chemo treatment
- **Milan Reick**, recovering from back surgery
- **Arnie Rumfield**, for healing after hip surgery
- **Les Bockmann**, brother of Cindy Campbell, keep in prayers for healing
- **Deb Lamb**, recovering from surgery
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Bob Weiss**, brother of Kathie Haubensak, for healing
- **Sue**, sister of Kay Wasserman, recovering from surgery
- **Dee Dennis**, mother of Chris Dennis, in hospice care
- **All those battling cancer**

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **For those affected by the wildfire near Halsey, NE**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Christian Reinbold, Dan Lazinek, Sean Stone, Michael Hanson & Calvin Kruse
- **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

- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- **Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers