



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of March 12-13, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Lutheran Bible Translators partner with individuals, organizations, and language communities to put God's Word in their hands. As a gift from Lutheran Bible Translators, you can access the gift of experiencing God's Word through music at the link below. The Living Water Project brings together world-class artists with one aim: produce an immersive and accessible experience of Scripture through music that refreshes you and uplifts your spirit.

<https://lbt.org/LIVINGWATER/>

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will start on Sunday, March 27. The class 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 jjm@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

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. These services will be live-streamed and then posted for viewing any time.

Lenten Series Schedule

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

MIDWEEK DURING LENT

Our Midweek Connection schedule changes slightly during Lent. During the next 3 Wednesdays (March 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. No classes April 6. May God bless us during this Lenten season.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! During this time of Lent, we will be collecting very specific school supplies for kids around the world who need them. Our Ministry of the Month for April is Lutheran World Relief - School Kits. Our goal is to gather enough items to assemble and create 1000 School Kits!! Can you help? The items we need are very specific. LWR cannot accept certain items. You can either shop using our

Amazon Wish List found at www.dsomaha.org/lwr or donate these very specific items by placing them in the bins in Atrium. You are also invited to help assemble these kits on Wednesday, April 20 from 6:15-7:30pm. We will have a FREE pizza dinner from 5:30-6:00pm before our Packing Party begins at 6:15pm. Put it on your calendar and let's meet this challenge!

Specific items needed:

- 70-sheet notebooks – plain, solid color cover; either wide or college ruled
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side, inches on the other
- hand-held manual pencil sharpener
- blunt or safety scissors
- unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ink ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- rubber bands (for holding 5 pencils or 5 pens together)
- 2 ½" eraser
- money for shipping costs
- If you would like to donate the drawstring bags needed for each of these kits, please use our Amazon Wish List found at www.dsomaha.org/lwr

Rev. Ronald E. Gocken Obituary and Memorial Service Rev. Gocken was the founding pastor at Divine Shepherd. September 26, 1936 – February 19, 2022. Ron's gentle warmth, gracious presence, generous spirit and humble faith brought light to the lives of all he met. He was beloved by family, friends and those who received his compassion and care. He finished his "special walk with Jesus" at home as he wished. Ron graduated from Columbus, Nebraska, high school in 1955, then St. John's College in Kansas and seminary training in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and St. Louis. He and first wife Janet served Lutheran churches in Wyoming, South Dakota, Omaha, Mercer Island and Bellevue, Washington. His special care for the sick led to a 25-year career as chaplain with Lutheran Ministry Services NW and Seattle Children's Hospital. He retired leaving a legacy of love for and from patients, families and colleagues.

Services will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Tacoma at 11 a.m. on March 26. Watch for coming details about the service being live-streamed.

SUMMER PLANS FOR KIDS!

Summer is just around the corner! It's time to start planning activities for the kids during those long summer days. Please consider joining us for VBS and Summer Camps!

VBS: June 20-24 from 8:30-11:30 for kids 3 years old through 5th grade

Art Camp: June 6-9 from 8:30-11:30 for upcoming 1st-5th graders

LEGO Camp: June 13-15 from 8:30-11:30 for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Community Camp: July 26-28 from 8:30-11:30 for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Questions? See Trish. For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT! Kids of all ages are invited to join us for Divine Shepherd's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10am. Bring a basket and a friend!

WE NEED CANDY! Please consider donating candy for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Candy can be placed in the labeled bin in the Atrium. Thank you!

CAN YOU HELP? Trish is looking for summer help volunteers! It takes a small army to make sure things run smoothly for VBS, Summer Camps, the Easter Egg Hunt and Family Movie Nights. Please let Trish know if you can help even for one hour on one or several of these events. See Trish at church, call her at (402) 895-1500 ext. 215 or email her at trish@dsomaha.org. Thank you for helping to share Jesus with the kids of our church and community!

LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE SUMMER CAMPS! Looking for some care for your child this summer? Check out our Summer Camps for age 3 through first grade, including full and half days! LLPC Summer Camps are open to the public and you can Pick and choose weeks that work for your family! New this year: Care for kids having completed Kindergarten and First Grade! Registration is now open! Visit

www.dsomaha.org/llpc to register. Questions?
Contact Rhonda DeVries (rhonda@dsomaha.org)

GOURMET GROUP MARCH OUTING

The next outing for the Gourmet Group aka Divine Tasters will be Sunday March 20th at Mouth of the South, 16909 Lakeside Plaza at 6PM. Reservations necessary so, please contact Julie Schenk 402-669-7662 or julieaschenk@gmail.com prior to February 14th.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A care receiver's words on how a Stephen Minister provided help: *"I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life. Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one – it's an amazing model of how the body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through their service everywhere!"* This is just one example of the much-needed ministry that Stephen Ministers are providing every day, all over the world. Through their faithful service, people are experiencing life-transforming Christ-centered care during some of the most difficult times in life." A Stephen Minister is available 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 marjo87@windstream.net.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH 2022

March	Lutheran Bible Translators
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 Gina and Bret Williams in celebration of their 26th anniversary on March 9th.

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, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Chapel) NO CLASS. WILL RESUME MARCH 22
1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 16

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:15-7:05pm **Midweek Connection Classes or Bible Studies**
7:15pm **Lenten Worship Service**

Thursday, March 17

1:00pm **Bridge** (Chapel)
7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

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

Sunday, March 20

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 the work of Lutheran Bible Translators**
- **For the reduction in COVID cases**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Brianna**, granddaughter of Dave Nelson
- **Donna Wilshusen**, for recovery
- **George & Thiry Kern**, for healing and comfort
- **Gary Krichau**, for effective treatment for cancer
- **Naomi Corrie**, for her Aunt Teresa, for successful cancer surgery March 15
- **George Uden**, for healing of broken hip
- **Clarine Polak**, mother of Cheryl Wichman, hospitalized
- **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
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **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 OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Aaron Grelson, Tina Byrant, Christian Reinbold and Dan Lazinek
- **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

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