



# HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## *For the Week of October 2, 2022*

### **CONCORDIA SCHOOLS SUNDAY – OCTOBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**

Our Ministry of the Month for October is Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha. Concordia offers a Christ-centered education for students K-12. On the weekend of Oct. 8-9, 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 on Sunday, Oct. 9. A special offering will be taken to support the ministry of Concordia.

### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

This 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, committee chair.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT!**

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

### **SEEKING PRAYER PARTNERS**

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is searching for members of Divine Shepherd who will pray for a Little Lamb student or staff member throughout this school year. Thank you to all who took cards last week! We have additional cards set out this week. You will find cards for students and staff out on the portable wall in the Atrium. Please be sure to jot down your child's name or staff member's name and your name on the sign-up sheet on the table. If you'd like to know of specific prayer requests throughout the year, you may include your phone number or email.

### **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!

### **MIDWEEK MEALS**

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym before Midweek, served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm. Meals will be \$5 for adults and free for kids 10 and under. You do not need to sign up in advance for the meal.

### **October 5 Menu:**

Adults: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, salad & chips  
Kid's Meal: Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese

### **DIVINE SHEPHERD YOUTH**

High School Youth – Youth Group PLUS! Youth Group Bible Study from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Sonic hangout from 7:45pm to 9pm.

Follow us on Instagram @dsomaha\_youth or visit dsomaha.org/youth for more information and event sign-ups.

### **PICKLEBALL ON SATURDAY MORNINGS**

As the weather cools, come play pickleball in our warm gym! Our Pickleball Group meets on

Saturdays in the gym from 9:00am to 11:30am, but players can come and go as their schedule permits. 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? Email [jennydarr@dsomaha.org](mailto:jennydarr@dsomaha.org).

### **Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Recap (9-20-22)—**

- Pastor Mario Alejandro, Concordia Schools Development Director, gave a presentation regarding the upcoming capital campaign that will address enhancements to campus infrastructure. Pastor Mario requested campaign support from DSLC for further consideration by the BoD.
- The BoD approved the appointment of Pastor Jim and Dan Dittman as delegates to the LCMS Omaha Circuit Forum in October. This forum will select a pastoral and lay delegate to the 2023 Synod convention.
- The BoD approved a price range for repair of a retaining wall.
- Pastor Rasmussen provided a Director of Ministry report and Jennie Smith provided a Director of Finance report.
- Directors serving on the Senior Pastor Call Committee reported that the Pastor names, submitted by congregation, have been forwarded to District President Snow for his review and formation of an eligible candidate list.
- Giles property update—DSLC and Sage Capital continue to review the infrastructure cost estimates for the development plan with Gretna Public Schools. Construction costs have escalated in 2022 which may impact new development projects.
- President Bartruff noted that a Nominations committee would be formed in October to discuss candidates for one open Director role and one open Elder role.
- The Key Performance Indicators were reviewed. Attendance is materially ahead of last year. The YTD combined net operating income is well ahead of budget. General fund giving is slightly higher than budget and expenses have been controlled. The net operating income of Little Lamb is also exceeding budgeted expectations. Little Lamb is operating slightly below capacity from a census standpoint. Staffing remains a challenge.

- The DSLC bylaws require two Voter Assembly meetings per calendar year. The first meeting will likely be scheduled for October or November to report on the status of the Giles Property sale and Call Committee status. A second meeting will be scheduled for December for approval of the 2023 budget and the election of Directors, Officers and Elders.

Praise the Lord for our Blessings!

Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President

### **DIVINE SHEPHERD T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

We have new adult and child Divine Shepherd T-Shirts available to purchase for \$6. You can purchase a shirt by contacting [jennydarr@dsomaha.org](mailto:jennydarr@dsomaha.org).

### **SENIORS FOR THE LORD**

The Seniors for the Lord will tour The Heron Nature Center on Wednesday, October 5. Please meet in the Luther Chapel at 9:00am for devotions and directions. The group will travel to Heron Haven and the Education Center, where we will get an introduction to the history and story of Heron Haven. The group will be able to explore this amazing urban oasis to view nature within the city limits of Omaha. Come prepared for the weather!!! Following the tour, we will dine at the Railcar. Call Karen Dix-Johnson, 402-393-1026 or email [kdix3@cox.net](mailto:kdix3@cox.net) for reservations as we need an approximate number for lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.

### **QUILTING MINISTRY**

The quilting group will be meeting again on Tuesday, October 4 at 1:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to join in the fun. Hands are needed for quilting, cutting, tying and piecing. Extra sewing machines are available to use. No experience needed!



**Altar flowers** are given by Sharon Herzberg with thankfulness to God for her successful shoulder surgery and for uneventful recovery.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

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

**6:30pm** - Parenting Bible Study – Sexuality  
Mentality: Creating a Culture of Biblical Integrity  
with Sally Vandeberghe (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 & Alan Eschmann  
(Grace Room)

**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 3

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

## Tuesday, October 4

10:00am **Adult Bible Study** (Chapel)

## Wednesday, October 5

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

## Thursday, October 6

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

## Friday, October 7

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

## Saturday, October 8

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

## Sunday, October 9

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Modern Worship with Concordia High Praise Band** (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 with Concordia High Praise Band** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)



Call the Church Office (895-1500) or e-mail [prayers@dsomaha.org](mailto: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

- **James and Nancy Hoeft**, celebrating 47 years of marriage

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Myra**, Greg Rehr's sister, recovering from knee surgery
- **Jerri**, Bonnie Clarks' sister, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Bob Tieken**, continued healing
- **Cheryl Evans**, healing following chemo treatment
- **Milan Reick**, having back surgery on Monday
- **Jerry Johnson**, brother of Laurie Colvert, for healing from Covid
- **Arnie Rumfield**, for healing after hip surgery
- **Doris Klingemann**, mother of Scott Klingemann, recovering from a fall
- **Les Bockmann**, brother of Cindy Campbell, for healing
- **Sharon Herzberg**, for recovery from shoulder replacement surgery
- **Deb Lamb**, recovering from surgery
- **Karen Wall**, for continued healing after hip surgery
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **All those battling cancer**

### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **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