



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of July 3, 2022

JULY 3 SUNDAY PANCAKE FEED

The elder flippin' pancake feed is today! The elders are pulling out their aprons and spatulas to cook breakfast for you and your family this Sunday, July 3 from 9am to 11am in the gym. A free will offering will be collected for the Helping Hands Fund.

PRE-CALL MEETING PROVIDES FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone that attended the pre-call meeting with our LCMS District President, Rev. Richard Snow, and our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Jeff Duncan. They gave us great feedback and encouragement on our progress towards preparing documents for our candidate search and eventual divine call for a senior pastor. If you have provided a pastor's name to be considered, I'll be contacting you to provide additional information regarding your recommendation. If anyone would still like to submit a pastor's name for consideration, a nomination form is available on our website and at church. Forms can be turned in to the church office or sent via email to Jason Snell at jsnell@rdotc.com. Please submit your nomination by July 17. We continue to need your prayers for our Call Committee, congregation, pastors and staff, and for potential pastoral candidates. God's blessings, Jason Snell, Call Committee chair

MID-SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! Join us for some mid-summer fellowship as we enjoy a cool treat together on Sunday, July 17, 6pm-8pm in the Gym. We'll provide the ice cream and toppings, you bring the fun!

DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED AT

CONVENTION Rev. Richard Snow was elected to a third term as president of the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod during the District convention June 25-26 in

Kearney. Rev. Snow will serve for the next three years. Rev. Jim Rasmussen of Divine Shepherd was elected third vice-president and will serve on the District Board of Directors for a three-year term. Rev. Jeff Duncan of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Omaha, was elected as circuit visitor of the Omaha circuit, and in that office will assist Divine Shepherd during the call process for a senior pastor. Pastor Jim and Congregation President Stuart Bartruff served as voting delegates from Divine Shepherd at the convention. For more on the convention, go online to ndlcms.org and click on "Convention."

THANK YOU, GENEROUS MEMBERS OF DIVINE SHEPHERD!

Thank you for your prayers, your volunteer time, your donations and the items you allowed us to borrow to make our Vacation Bible School so successful! We had 175+ kids and 60+ volunteers join us for a week of Monumental VBS where we celebrated God's greatness. Kids sang praises to God, watched skits, did science experiments, watched videos about kids who trust God, ate amazing snacks, listened and interacted with Bible stories, played games and so much more. They shared with each other how they saw God at work and learned about the amazing love God has for each of them. Please continue to pray for these kiddos and their families that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow the seeds which were planted during VBS week which YOU helped make possible.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for our Family Movie Night, showing "Incredibles," on Saturday, July 16 at 6pm. Come in your jammies and bring blankets and pillows. We will have hot dogs, drinks, chips, popcorn, candy and watch a family-friendly movie downstairs in the Trinity Center. Free-will donations will be accepted.

DSLCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)

MEETING 6-21-22 RECAP:

- Key Performance Indicators—Membership has grown slightly while in-person attendance is materially higher than a year ago. Combined operating income is measurably above the budget (+\$222,000) and ahead of last year. The favorable financial position has been augmented by ~\$150,000 in governmental grants and funding (child-care related). The Seeds of Hope reserve can defray 42 months of bank loan payments.
- Little Lamb—Operating income is well-above budget, and the childcare enrollment is near capacity. A third toddler room will be added (we have a waiting list for the room). Fall enrollment is positive.
- Sr. Pastor Call Committee—The committee is preparing for a meeting with District President Snow on June 29th.
- Strategic Planning— Two strategic planning meeting sessions were conducted this month by an outside facilitator. Two teams (consisting of members from the BoD, BoE, Call Committee, and staff) were established to identify potential initiatives (e.g. small group ministry) and implementation strategies.
- Giles Property Sale— The BoD approved an extension of the purchase agreement inspection period for another 120 days in light of the fact that the buyers are working with the Gretna Planning Department regarding a development plan for the property. The original development plan with Sarpy County is now subject to review by the City of Gretna (annexation). Several buildings on the property have been vandalized. Soybeans have been planted on the farm-ground. Given purchase agreement extension, the BoD also approved an extension of the maturity of the bank loan until year-end.
- Facility Management—The BoD approved several necessary maintenance expenditures. Most of the funding will be defrayed by the Capital Reserve Fund. Given the age of the facilities, Jennie and the BoD have been intentional and proactive in addressing maintenance issues.

Praise the Lord for our Blessings! (*Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President*)

YOUTH GATHERING PRAYER PARTNERS

Would you please specifically pray for a youth or adult Leader going to the National Youth Gathering? On the display board in the Atrium are prayer cards. Simply take one and pray for them as they prepare to go to Houston, but also during the Gathering (July 7-14). Ask that God would keep them safe and they may grow closer to Him each day. After you take a youth/adult leader to pray for, write your name next to the youth/adult leader name on the paper on the table to help us keep track of who's praying for who!

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Watch for an announcement about our August 3 meeting. At this time, we will not plan a tour to Humboldt, but will try again for another time. Questions? Feel free to call Clarice Howard 402-934-7237.

MS & HS YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Check out all that's happening this summer for MS & HS Youth! More details and signups can be found online at dsomaha.org/summer. Pay close attention as these events have varying signup deadlines! Have Questions? [E-mail Spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:E-mail_Spencer@dsomaha.org).

HS: High School Youth Lock-in | July 29-30, 7pm-8am. Includes a super secret off-site activity!

MS: Middle School Youth Night | August 12, 6-11pm.

Be sure to check out the website and the youth social media pages for the most accurate information!

SUMMER PLANS FOR KIDS!

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

For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org or contact Trish (trish@dsomaha.org).



Altar flowers are given by Charles and Sally Viola to the glory of God in celebration of their 15 wedding anniversary on July 6.

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>

E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, July 4

Office Closed (Fourth of July)

Tuesday, July 5

Wednesday, July 6

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 9

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 10

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)

9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)

9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)

10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion



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 WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING

- **Charles & Sally Viola**, to the glory of God in celebration of their 15th anniversary on July 6

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Karen Boorum**, mother of Tonya Isaac, recovering from a fall
- **Bev Major**, for healing
- **Brandon Narducci**, healing following motorcycle accident
- **Dale Sieber**, for healing following oral surgery
- **Kathy Loschen**, in rehab at Brookestone Village
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing from a fall that fractured a kneecap
- **Brianna**, granddaughter of Dave & Jan Nelson
- **Cheryl Evans**, for positive outcome from chemo for leukemia
- **Kathy Stinnett**, recovering from surgery
- **Gary Kamtz**, recovering from surgery
- **Patti Jensen**, for severe sciatic pain
- **David Ward**, father of Jennie Mason, recovering from pacemaker placement
- **Scott Jones**, in rehab after 4 months in the hospital
- **All those battling cancer: Paula Kresl, Doris Witecki, Gary Krichau, Victoria Rose Reed, 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 Tina Byrant, 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