

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of March 21, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CALLING ALL KIDS! Come to an Easter Egg Hunt at Divine Shepherd on Saturday, March 27 at 10am. We will plan on hunting eggs outside, but will hide them inside if the weather is uncooperative. Please bring a friend and a basket or bag and meet us in the sanctuary.

Divine Shepherd is pleased to welcome the following new members into our fellowship. We rejoice in having these brothers and sisters in our congregation:

Kathy Andersen
Elise Breeling and Bodi
Hillary Daschel and Hazel
Jake Harney
Jonathan Jefferis
Gary & Karen Kamtz
Patrick & Laura Overby and Lucas
Wayne Orstad & Pat Stanosheck
Matt & Janine Podany,
Lily, Charlotte and Elsie
Milan & Marie Reick
Andy & Audrey Sanders, Jacob and Joseph
Luke & Allison Sankey

Join us after the service for coffee and donuts in the Chapel as we greet our new members.



Holy Thursday (April 1) Noon & 7:00pm
with Holy Communion

Good Friday (April 2) Noon and 7:00pm
Traditional Service of Darkness

Holy Saturday (April 3) 5:00pm
Traditional Easter worship with Communion

Easter Sunday (April 4)
8:00am

Traditional Easter worship with Communion
9:30 & 10:45am

Modern Worship with Communion



Easter Lily and Golden Daffodil plants will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Worship Services. If you would like to purchase a plant or plants in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc., please complete the order form at the table in the Atrium and enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd. Please return it to the Church Office place in the offering or in the basket provided. Watch for the notice when you can take your plants home. The deadline is **March 28th**.



Volunteers needed to help us make palm branch crosses for Palm Sunday's service. No experience needed! We will be meeting on March 24th (8:00pm-9:00pm) in the Chapel and would love to have you join us. Contact Spencer@DSOmaha.org.



Jerusalem at Passover is the title of this year's midweek Lenten series. The early part of each service will take that title quite literally. Each week we will be led by a typical travel agency "tour guide" on an imaginary visit to the Holy City in the year A.D. 30. The "tour guide" will offer historical, cultural and religious commentary on the sights we are seeing, just as such a person might have done almost 2,000 years ago, had there been conducted tours then. We will hear many voices, in Reader's Theater style, of a variety of characters in the divine drama that played out in those days "for us and for our salvation. Trish Reinbold has assembled a cast and is directing this dynamic portion of our Wednesday evening services. Join us for our final stop:

Sixth Stop (March 24)

SKULL HILL, outside Jerusalem, offers a panoramic daytime view of the Holy City from a different perspective. The site of Roman executions (although it is unlikely that we shall be able to view any during the holiday season of good will) is a forceful reminder of the advantages of The Great Roman Peace which seeks to make the Empire a safer place in which to live and allows all people to practice their own religion as they see fit, without government interference or persecution.

Please join us for this final service on Wednesday the 24th during Lent at 7:15pm. This service will be livestreamed as well. We will be offering an abbreviated version of this service at Noon on Wednesday. The drama will not be included, but Holy Communion will be offered at the Noon services.



Palm Sunday Sermon
March 27-28

Jesus Loved Us to Death
Philippians 2:5-11



Adult Bible Studies
Bible Studies are available at
Divine Shepherd—email contact
person for more information.

Sunday mornings: 9:30am

Women's Bible Study: "**Exploring God's Word: Old Testament**" with Dena Nigh downstairs in The Commons. Contact Dena at jaydena888@cox.net

Sunday mornings: 10:45am

Zoom Adult Bible study on Ephesians with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at spencer@dsomaha.org

Monday mornings: 10:00am

Women's Bible study on the 10 Commandments called "Love Rules". We are meeting via Zoom. Contact Trish at trish@dsomaha.org

Tuesday mornings: 10:00am

Colossians: Against the Tide with Pastor Mark in person in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Mark at mark@dsomaha.org

Wednesday evenings: 6:00-7:00pm

with Pastor Mark in person **in the Gym**. "Life of Jesus: Miracles" This Wednesday will be the last class.

Friday mornings: 6:15am

Men's study on 1st Corinthians.
Contact Jason Snell at: jsnell@rdotc.com



Parents of 8th Grade students should have received an email from Spencer with important Confirmation updates. If you did not receive the email, please email him at Spencer@dsomaha.org Confirmation services will be held on Saturday, April 17th during the 5pm service and on Sunday, April 18th during the 8am and 10:45am services.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the congregation, the High School Youth Group was able to make 120 Care Kits to bless individuals and families in need here in the Omaha area! The youth prayed over the care kits and for the recipients. We praise God for the work He continues to do through us, even as youth, to share His love and grace with others! Be sure to check out photos of the project on the Divine Shepherd Youth Facebook page.



Altar flowers are provided anonymously in appreciation of all law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Important Dates for your Calendar

- Mar 24 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 24 Palm branch cross volunteers
- Mar 27 Easter Egg Hunt! 10:00am
- Mar 28 Palm Sunday
- Apr 1 Maundy Thursday services 12 & 7:00
- Apr 2 Good Friday services 12 & 7:00pm
- Apr 3 Traditional Easter worship 5:00pm
- Apr 4 Traditional Easter worship 8:00am
- Apr 4 Modern Easter worship 9:30 & 10:45am
- Apr 17 8th Grade Confirmation 5:00pm
- Apr 18 8th Grade Confirmation 8 & 10:45am

To reach the church staff:

Telephone: 402-895-1500
 To E-mail Staff Members:
First_name@dsomaha.org

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare

are looking to hire substitutes who are available to help care for our kids on an on-call basis. If you love babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and have some day-time availability, we would love to chat about what an on-call position would look like for you. We are also always looking to hire part-time and full-time staff. If you know of someone (including high school students) who love kids and is looking for a job, please pass along our information. Contact jennydarr@dsomaha.org to learn more about working at Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare.

The 2021 Altar Flowers Calendar has

been posted on the wall near the office door. Please sign your name and phone number. Bouquets are \$20 each--payment can be made by placing the money in a yellow pew envelope, marking it clearly FLOWERS and placing it in the basket collection plate, drop it off at the Church office.

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative going through a difficult time?

A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. To learn how you can help a friend receive care, please call Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or email at marjo87@windstream.net or call the church office 402-895-1500 for more information.

Do you have a prayer request? Send them to:

prayers@dsomaha.org Our staff prays together Wednesday mornings for these requests. Let us know if you want your request in the weekend worship prayers that are printed in the Heartbeat and/or on our Prayer Chain.



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 progress being made on the pandemic with vaccines and therapeutics.**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Dawn Tran's sister, Deb**, diagnosed with pancreatic/liver cancer
- **Deb Wendt**, recovering from surgery
- **Jill Chevalier**, recovering from back surgery
- **Carol Withhart**, recovering from a fall
- **Steve Jipp**, recovering from surgery
- **Ken Mar**, recovering from COVID
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Lori Gedwillo**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin**
 - **Jay Shattuck**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **Donna & Dan Ring** at the passing of her mother, Norma Otterpohl
- **Shannon & Xzavier Greene** at the passing of her grandfather, Delbert John
- **Sherwin & Betty Terrill** at the passing of his brother

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed
- **Jake Ulrich**, deployed to Iraq
- **Law enforcement personnel, first responders, and front-line medical workers**
- **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

- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- **Pastor Bell and our brothers and sisters in Christ in our church plant, GraceHill**
- **Charles Cohen**, serving in the mission field in Guatemala
- **Rev. Dr. Charles & Connie Cortright**, serving in the mission field in Russia
- **Beth & Nathan Toenjes**, serving as missionaries in Asia

- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry