

# **HEARTBEAT** Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*For the Week of January 9, 2022*



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Midweek Connection classes and meals resume Wednesday, January 12.**

### **MIDWEEK CONNECTION JAN. 12 MEAL OPTIONS:**

- Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy and mashed potatoes or
- Chicken enchiladas with Spanish Rice
- **NEW KID'S MEAL** includes hot dog and macaroni and cheese

Salad, drinks, dinner roll and dessert comes included with all meals.

### **PRICES**

\$8 for adult, \$5 for children (6-10 years old) and kids 5 and under are free.

**Those planning to attend the meal this week must register online or at the table in the atrium BEFORE 9AM ON MONDAY, JAN 10.**

### **CHILI COOK-OFF ON JAN. 28**

Tickets are on sale now for the 21st Annual Chili Cook-off, which will be held on Friday, January 28th and hosted this year by Divine Shepherd's Youth Group! Youth will be in the atrium before and after every service now through January 23rd selling tickets to the event. Advance tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 3-12. Tickets can also be purchased online at [dsomaha.org/events](http://dsomaha.org/events).

Donations are also needed for our live and silent auctions, so be sure to check out the board in the atrium to see how you can donate needed items. All donations need to be received by Tuesday, January 28th in order to guarantee the names of donors are included in the Chili Cook-off program.

Questions can be directed to [Spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:Spencer@dsomaha.org). As always, thank you for your continued partnership with our youth ministry!

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS STARTING**

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will begin Sunday, Feb.

6. This class is for those who don't have a background in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. The class will meet for seven weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Trinity Center on the lower level, and will be taught by the pastors. If you are interested in joining the congregation and have current or past membership in another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, only a one-hour orientation class is required. That will take place March 20 at 9:30 a.m. To enroll or inquire about either class, contact Pastor Jim in the church office, 402-895-1500, or [jim@dsomaha.org](mailto:jim@dsomaha.org).



**Altar flowers** are given by Hugh and Kathy Nehls in thankfulness for all of God's blessings.

## LOST BOOKS?

Lost Books? is the title of the new Tuesday morning Bible study. Can we be sure the correct texts made it into the Bible?

Several scholars, books and articles, movies and television specials have raised that challenge recently. Since God never sent us a specific list of what to include, who exactly decided the Bible should contain the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but not the Gospels of Judas, Thomas and Mary? Is there any truth to the charge that a Roman emperor in the fourth century orchestrated the list of books that we have in the Bible? These and other questions will be addressed in this new 4-session study that begins January 10 at 10:00am in the Chapel with Pastor Mark.

**ANGEL TREE THANK YOU** - I want to thank all of you who have been there for Don and me these last few months. Thank you for all your prayers, food and encouragement. Also to all of you who helped with Angel Tree, and all of you who supported an angel. May God bless all of you. Stay safe and keep your eyes focused on Jesus. Blessings. You are loved. – Rosy Gunn

**POINSETTIAS** If you had purchased a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during Christmas...“Thank you”. Please pick up your purchased/donated poinsettia no later than January 12 in the chapel area. Any poinsettias not picked up will be delivered to our shut ins.

**OUR DIVINE TASTERS** (also known as Gourmet Group) will be starting up again on January 16th and would like to invite you to come and join us. We will be meeting at Farmer Browns 2620 River Rd at 6PM that date.

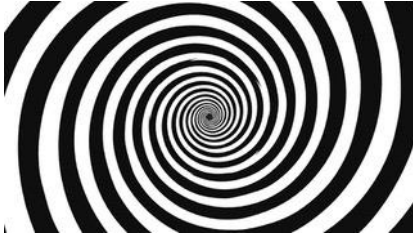
This is a fun way to meet other members of the church, and some "friends" of the church. All are welcome. If you are interested and would like to join us,

please contact Julie Schenk at 402-669-7662 or [julieaschenk@gmail.com](mailto:julieaschenk@gmail.com).



Is your family interested in Concordia Academy Kindergarten for the fall of 2022 or after? If so, please join us for our Concordia Academy Kindergarten Roundup! This year's event is planned for Thursday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM and Friday, January 21st from 1:00-2:30 PM. A pizza meal will be served at 6:00 Thursday with a program overview beginning at 6:30, and the program overview begins at 1:00 on Friday. Tours and other admissions information will be offered at both sessions. Please RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at [cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org) or 402-990-9444. We look forward to seeing you there!

**SENIORS FOR THE LORD – ARK ENCOUNTER.** Attention EVERYONE who has made the \$100 deposit for the Ark Encounter trip: **The remaining cost of the trip is due BEFORE Feb. 1 with checks made to DIAMOND TOURS.** Get the check to Lyle Kruse BEFORE that date. Checks can also be left at the church office in an envelope with Lyle's name. This is needed so that hotel rooms can be secured.



**Pastor Mark's Wednesday evening Bible Study which resumes January 12 at 6:30pm: Crazy-Making: Why We Keep Doing What We Don't Want to Do**

Have you ever kept doing something you don't want to do? We all have these patterns in our lives that we just can't seem to shake. No matter how disciplined we are, how much willpower we drum up, or how many times we seek accountability, eventually we find ourselves sucked back into repeating the same patterns again. It's crazy-making!

Everyone's struggle is different. For you, it might look like criticizing, substance abuse, over-working, sexual sin, people-pleasing, or hundreds of others. Jesus has given all of us a way out of these crazy-making cycles, and it has nothing to do with white-knuckling our way to freedom. Join us in this four-week study as we explore where these patterns come from, why we keep repeating them, and how to stop the crazy and live in the freedom Jesus makes possible.

**The 2022 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 collection plate, or by taking it to the office.

**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, January 10

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

## Tuesday, January 11

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Sanctuary)

## Wednesday, January 12

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**  
5:00-6:00pm **Meal in the gym**  
6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

## Thursday, January 13

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

## Friday, January 14

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

## Saturday, January 15

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

## Sunday, January 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** (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)  
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](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

- **Bailey Layne Grimm**, daughter of Cody Grimm & Darcy Kallhoff, baptized this weekend
- **Gwendolyn Fae Johnson**, daughter of Benjamin Johnson & Kelsey Rodgers, baptized this weekend

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Rev. Ron Gocken**, former Divine Shepherd pastor, in hospice care
- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Jeff Echtenkamp**, for healing
- **Duane Stohs**, healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Jeff Echtenkamp**, for healing
- **Pastor Bob Ziegler**, uncle of Patty Mollring, for healing
- **Rodney Shrimpton**, for healing and recovery from an illness
- **Patti Jensen**, recovering from surgery
- **Gary & Joyce Toelle**, beginning Gary's cancer treatment
- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **Chris Dennis**, for shoulder healing
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with debilitating illness
- **All those battling cancer: 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 THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Robert Martin**, who went home to the Lord on January 2

### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Jake Ulrich and Aaron Grelson
- **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
- **Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright**, serving as instructor for Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry