



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of September 11, 2022

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Our Neighborhood Block Party is this **Sunday, September 11 from 11am to 1pm** at the green space immediately west of Divine Shepherd near the Pheasant Run signs at Blackwell Drive and Q Street. Join us for lunch, along with bounce houses, bingo with prizes, and games for the kids and more! Hamburger and hot dog meals will be served. A free-will offering will help us offset costs. *In case of inclement weather, the party will be held in the lower level of Divine Shepherd.*

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH – HELPING

HANDS FUND Our Ministry of the Month for September is Divine Shepherd's Helping Hands Fund. Through this fund, our congregation has provided short-term help to people in need in 51 instances over the past year, totaling nearly \$15,000. Your generosity helped an unemployed single mom pay rent as she searched for work. It put food on the table for a disabled Army veteran and his wife and children. It repaired a car so a man could get to work and make ends meet for him and his wife. And it helped many others. During services on Sept. 17-18, we will take a special offering for this fund. You can also give to the Helping Hands Fund on our website.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will start on Sunday, Sept. 18. 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 seven one-hour sessions at 9:30am Sunday mornings in the Trinity Center on the lower level. The final session on Oct. 30 will be an orientation to the many opportunities to get involved at Divine Shepherd. That session will also include those members who have recently transferred to

Divine Shepherd from other Lutheran congregations.

A welcome ceremony for new members will be held on Oct. 30 at the 10:45am service. To enroll in or inquire about the class, contact Pastor Jim at jim@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.

MIDWEEK – IT'S NOT TO LATE TO JOIN! Our Wednesday night Midweek Connection program started last week and will continue on most Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30pm. We all begin in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm. **We welcome you to come anytime in the semester!**

MIDWEEK MEALS

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal by Jennifer and Brandy before Midweek, served from 5:15 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.

September 14 Menu:

Breakfast for Dinner

MIDWEEK CLASS OFFERINGS

- Midweek Connections Bible Classes for Kids (3yrs - Fifth Grade)
- Midweek Connections Middle School Confirmation Class (Sixth - Eighth Grade)
- Midweek Connections High School Youth Group & Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study – *"Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians* with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)
- Parenting Bible Study – *Sexuality Mentality: Creating a Culture of Biblical Integrity* with Sally Vandeberghe (Shepherd's Room)
- Women's Bible Study – *Joy, A Study of Philippians* with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)

- Men's Bible Study – *A Biblical Take on Current Events* with Ken Mar & Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)
- The Nursery will be available for children who can sit up by themselves, about 6 months through 2 years old.

TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Doug Morton will be teaching "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John, on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11:15am in Luther Chapel. This class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Please join us and grow in your faith through the Word of God!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

The Nebraska District Middle School Youth Gathering is coming up November 11-13 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney! Youth in 6th-8th grade can join us for this fun-filled weekend that includes admission into the hotel's indoor waterpark! We'll learn about the "why" behind SHOWing our faith to others through our words and actions. Cost includes transportation, two nights of housing at the Holiday Inn, waterpark admission, meals, a t-shirt, and all other Gathering program expenses. Scholarships are available - please email spencer@dsomaha.org for more information.

Cost: \$270/person, Deadline: Sept. 28th

Hurry! If you sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 14th you can save \$20 on your registration cost!

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Choir will be starting Wednesday, September 14 from 7:45 to 8:45pm. Anyone interested should be high-school age or older. No experience is necessary! (Being able to read music is helpful but not required.) Please fill out this Google Form to sign up! <https://forms.gle/wp1AKpeq6RFR2PAV9>
Any questions, contact Angie Miller at sahm.miller2@gmail.com or 402-206-3071.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING REMINDER

Monday, September 12, 7pm in the Chapel. We're looking forward to seeing our Stephen Ministry Team after our summer break.

GOURMET GROUP SEPTEMBER OUTING

Divine Shepherd's Gourmet group, aka Divine Tasters, will begin meeting again in September. The first outing will be to Primo's Modern

Mexican, 5914 Center St., at 6pm on September 18th. Reservations need to be made, so please contact julieaschenk@gmail.com or 402-669-7662. We welcome new faces, so please join us.



Altar flowers are given to God's glory by Julie and Bill Schenk in honor of Mason's birthday on Sept. 11.

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>

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, September 12

1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 18

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
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)



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.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Kristen Lundquist**, for a good outcome for an upcoming ultrasound
- **Sharon Herzberg**, for recovery from shoulder replacement surgery
- **Sharon**, aunt of Mary Jo Gillispie, for recovery from shoulder surgery
- **Dale Sieber**, for healing from Covid
- **Deb Lamb**, recovering from surgery
- **Sis Bressman**, recovering from a car accident at home
- **Tegan**, a relative of Ellen Schwartz, hospitalized after a motorcycle accident
- **Karen Wall**, for continued healing after hip surgery
- **Susan Cruz**, cousin of Dels Hein, for healing and recovery
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Bill Seim**, for continued healing
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Bev Major**, for healing
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **All those battling cancer: Susan Gady, Teresa, Frauke, Terri Reed, Cheryl Evans, Deb Lamb, 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, 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 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