



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of January 17, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Christian Education Program We are in the process of monitoring current COVID numbers and situations in the Omaha area. Based on our findings, we will make a decision during the week of January 18 whether or not we will begin meeting in-person again on Wednesday nights. Please watch church communications for details concerning Midweek classes, Confirmation classes and Pastor Mark's Wednesday night Bible Class.

Middle School students (6th-8th grade) who are ready to take part in Communion here at Divine Shepherd are welcome to register for our First Communion class, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th at 9am in the chapel. Students who complete this class will be recognized on Sunday, February 7th during the 9:30am service. To register for this free class or for more information, please click the link below.

<https://divineshepherd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/681551>

Church Building Closed January 26th

Divine Shepherd's Church Office/Building and Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare will be closed on Tuesday, January 26 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm for a safety/security training day. The building closure is occurring so that our church and preschool/childcare staff and safety team volunteers can be available for classroom and situational role play scenarios. If you have a need to be in the building that day please contact Jennie Smith at 402-895-1500 or email jennie@dsomaha.org



Membership Class Starting

A class leading to confirmed membership at Divine Shepherd will be offered online for seven weeks on Tuesday nights, beginning Feb. 2. The class, for adults and teens, will be taught by Pastor Jim Rasmussen and will meet on Zoom from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. This class is for those who have not been previously confirmed in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Lutheran Church for the first six weeks, with the final week focused on opportunities to get involved in the congregation.

To register, email Susan Porter at susan@dsomaha.org or call her or Pastor Jim at 402-895-1500.



Next Weekend's Sermon January 23/24

Answering the Call
Mark 1:14-20

The next noon communion service will be Wednesday, January 27th in the sanctuary.

Sunday Morning Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts has been suspended until further notice

for the safety of our members and guests.
Sorry about that.



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

Sunday mornings: 9:30am

Women's Bible Study: "Jesus, a Study on the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John" 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: 6:30-7:30pm

with Pastor Mark in person in the Sanctuary.
NOTE: THIS CLASS MAY RESUME DEPENDING ON MIDWEEK IN-PERSON CLASSES

Friday mornings: 6:15am

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



Altar flowers are given by Curt & Melanie Patton in celebration of Spencer's 9th birthday on January 22.

Important Dates for your Calendar

Jan 24 Concordia Jr. High Open House
Jan 26 Church building closed
Jan 27 Noon Worship
Feb 2 New Member Class begins
Feb 6 First Communion class

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann

Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries

Rev. James Rasmussen

Associate Pastor/Director of Discipleship

Rev. Doug Morton

Pastoral Care Assistant

Jennie Smith

Director of Finance & Operations

Trish Reinbold

Director of Children's Ministry

Spencer Owen

Director of Youth Ministry

Misty Kudrna

Digital Media Coordinator

Kevin Reinbold

Facilities Manager

Jenny Darr

Communications Coordinator

Kathy Kistler

Office Manager

Susan Porter

Executive Assistant

Pat Boozikee

Office Assistant

Little Lamb Leadership

Tonya Isaac

Director of Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare

Rhonda DeVries

Assistant Director/Registrar

Jenny Darr

Assistant Director-Communications/Training

A Great Way you can help a Hurting Friend!

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 member 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. "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34b



Real students. *Real* teachers. *Real* school.

**JR. HIGH
OPEN HOUSE**

»» **Sunday, Jan. 24**

Come find out more about our STEM based curriculum, athletics, fine arts, weekly chapel, life groups, and opportunities in computer science, graphic design and Lifeskills classes.

Open House . 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Registration is required. Contact Dawn Cooksey to register at 402-990-9444 or by email at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org.
Virtual option available . Open to students entering grades 6-8

CONCORDIA
MUSTANGS



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 a New Year of God's grace and blessings.**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Mark Thaler**, hospitalized with a severe infection in his neck muscles
- **Jay Shattuck**, hospitalized for blood clots
- **Jim Wegner**, in rehab following COVID
- **Jeff & Stephanie Moquin**, recovering from COVID
- **Judy Newman**, daughter Sheryl and grandson, Chris, recovering from COVID
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Lori Gedwillo**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Jim Taylor Sr.** at his death January 10. Private funeral service was held January 13th at Divine Shepherd

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving** in the military, especially those deployed
- **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