



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of June 12, 2022

SENIOR BLESSING

This weekend we're honoring and praying for our High School Seniors during our worship services. During our 8am and 9:30am services, we'll recognize our graduates with a special blessing over them as they prepare for their next adventure in life - whether that's entering the workforce, attending college, learning a trade, or joining the military. May God continue to guide them throughout their lives and may they continue to live for Jesus and serve Him each day.

ARISON CONCERT – THIS WEDNESDAY,

JUNE 15 Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is hosting a FREE AriSon Concert in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, June 15 at 7pm. AriSon is an exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and lives of kids and families. Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! The concerts are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.

We also invite you to join us in the Trinity Center for a pizza potluck prior to the concert at 6pm on June 15. You bring a warm pizza to share, and we'll provide desserts and drinks.

YOUTH GATHERING DRIVE

We're less than one month away from the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, where 44 Divine Shepherd Youth and Adult Leaders will join nearly 20,000 other attendees to worship, serve, and grow in the Christian faith! In the atrium is a donation board of non-perishable snacks, drinks and other miscellaneous items for the trip. Each donation card includes a photo of the item(s), an approximate cost, and where the item can be purchased to make it as convenient as possible. Items should be returned to the church by Sunday, July 3. Financial donations are also accepted and can be placed in the donation container on the table in the Atrium.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our Youth Ministry here at Divine Shepherd! Questions can be directed to spencer@dsomaha.org.

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!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greetings from the Senior Pastor Call Committee. As you may know, the call process can be a lengthy one, but we have been moving along very well. We are analyzing the congregational self-study results, developing a current job description, updating our church's history and heritage information, and developing a solid list of interview questions. A 'pre-call' meeting will be scheduled with President Snow to review our work and present him with our list of candidates. We are so thankful to all that have joined in this process through prayer, filling out the survey, and providing pastor names! We will continue to give you updates on our progress, and we look forward to knowing our new senior pastor in the good Lord's timing. Your servant in Christ, Jason Snell (Call Committee Chair)

IT'S A PARTY - AND YOU'RE INVITED! A VBS Decorating Party, that is! Come join the fun and help us decorate the entire building for Vacation Bible School. VBS Decorating Parties will be held on Friday, June 17 from 4-6pm,

Saturday, June 18 from 10am-2pm and on Sunday, June 19 from 1-3pm. Even if you can only drop in for an hour, please come and help turn our building into a southwest desert where kids will learn about God's MONUMENTAL love! Questions? See Trish.

JULY 3 SUNDAY PANCAKE FEED

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

A total of 227 people filled out the 160-question survey in March. It measured respondents' perceptions of Divine Shepherd's health in six purposes of the church: discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, prayer and worship. Respondents perceived worship as Divine Shepherd's top strength, while prayer scored second-highest. The categories of ministry, fellowship, evangelism and discipleship, while showing some strengths, indicated a need for attention or greater focus.

Overall, the church's score "typifies a church that perceives itself to have a few positive signs, yet enough negatives that significant room for improvement remains," said the report from Church Answers, which designed the survey. If you would like to read the full report on the survey results, email Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

LUTHER ROSE BANNER

A beautiful satin banner featuring Luther's Seal with the words "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone" has been hung next to the altar in the Luther Chapel in memory of Jim Taylor Jr.

REGISTER FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 20-24, 8:30-11:30am. Come with us on an adventure through the southwest desert to CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATNESS. This VBS is for 3 year olds through 5th graders, currently with a waiting list for Preschool registrations. Register online at dsomaha.org.

VBS SUPPLIES UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has or is planning to donate supplies for Vacation Bible School June 20-24! Please return all requested item(s) WITH THE PAPER ATTACHED TO THE ITEM by BY JUNE 13. Be sure to put your contact information down on the paper, especially if we are borrowing something from you which you would like returned. Thank you so much for helping to make this year's VBS a wonderful time. Questions? See Trish.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

We are scheduled for August 3 to travel to Table Rock and Humboldt, approximately a 1 1/2 hour drive. With the price of gas escalating, we need to see if enough people want to make the trip. **Please call** either Clarice Howard (402-934-7237), leave a message OR Diane Daubendick (402-212-1701) **by JUNE 30**. If enough people want to go, we will plan the trip.

CELEBRATING KATHY ON HER UPCOMING RETIREMENT

Join us in celebrating Kathy Kistler's 27 years of service as Divine Shepherd's Office Manager. Kathy, who has worked in the church office since 1995, is planning to retire at the end of June. Please consider sharing a note of thanks or a card with Kathy through this month. A box is available in the Atrium.

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:Spencer@dsomaha.org).

MS & HS: Worlds of Fun in KC | June 13.

Spend the day riding rides and going down water slides!

HS: Paintball @ MadCow Paintball | June 26, 12:15-4pm.

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!

Summer is here! There is still time to sign up for activities during the long summer days.

LEGO Camp: June 13-15 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

VBS: June 20-24 from 8:30-11:30am for kids 3 years old through 5th grade

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 Dale Siebers in remembrance of his wife & wedding anniversary.

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, June 13

8:30pm **Lego Camp** (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, June 14

8:30pm **Lego Camp** (Trinity Center)

Wednesday, June 15

8:30pm **Lego Camp** (Trinity Center)
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:00pm **Pizza potluck** for families (Trinity Center)
7:00pm **AriSon Concert** (Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 16

6:00pm **"The Chosen" Bible study** (Chapel)
7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, June 17

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room)
4:00pm **VBS Decorating Party**

Saturday, June 18

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)
10:00am **VBS Decorating Party**
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 19

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
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
1:00pm **VBS Decorating Party**



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

- **Judd & Nancy Golka**, celebrating their second anniversary

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Kathy Stinnett**, recovering from surgery in rehab
- **Harriet Barsell**, granddaughter of Bruce Barsell, 2 years old in a full body cast
- **Judy Moore**, with Covid, having undergone tests/procedures
- **Chris Dennis**, with Covid
- **Bud Burch**, in rehab at Madonna following surgery & Brianna, granddaughter of Dave & Jan Nelson
- **David Ward**, father of Jennie Mason, recovering from pacemaker placement
- **Scott Jones**, hospitalized for 2 months
- **Sophia Hart**, recovering from illness
- **Paul Steege**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Gary Krichau**, recovering from surgery with good results
- **Gary Kamtz**, recovering from surgery
- **Patti Jensen**, for severe sciatic pain
- **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 THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **Juanita Parker**, mother of Chris Parker, who went home to the Lord

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