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For the Week of November 21, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Thank you from GracePoint

Dear Friends at Divine Shepherd: Thank you so much for allowing GracePoint Institute for Relational Health to share our story with you last weekend and a message from God's Word. Thank you for the generous door offering of over \$5600 for our ministry. Thank you to everyone who signed up to be on our mailing list. We are very grateful for Divine Shepherd's support and partnership in this work of soul care these past nine years. Grace and peace to you in Christ. Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann, CEO.

Thanks, Erv!

Erv Minderman has donated one of his wood art pieces of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It has been placed on the wall by the church office window. Check it out! Thanks you, Erv, for sharing your work!

Congregational Assembly December 5

Our annual Congregational Assembly will be Sunday, December 5 at 12:00pm in the sanctuary. Agenda items include election of board members and elders, consideration of the 2022 budget, an update on the 168th and Giles property, and a ministry report.

THANKSLIVING PROJECT

The Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare students have been Living out their Thankfulness! Starting in mid-October, the children were working hard at home doing jobs for moms and dads to earn money for our recent field trip. This past week, we went to Stony Brook Hy-Vee to tour the

grocery store and learn about healthy eating. Then each child and parent took the hard-earned money and went shopping for non-perishable food items. They returned all that food to the altar as our gifts to Jesus to help others in need. You see all the donated food on display around the altar this weekend. This food will be donated and picked up by Millard Wee Care who support families right here in Millard. Join us in Living out your Thankfulness by serving others! Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



Children's Christmas Musical: The children of Divine Shepherd will be presenting a Christmas Musical called All About that Baby on Sunday, December 19 during the 10:45 service. This would be a great opportunity for Divine Shepherd members to invite friends and neighbors who may not know the true meaning of Christmas. Divine Shepherd parents - this is your child's opportunity to sing praises to our Lord and Savior to celebrate His birth. If you would like your child to be involved, please register them on our website: dsomaha.org. Click the button that says "Register for all Divine Shepherd events here" and then find the button for the Christmas Musical. If you have any questions, please contact Trish in the church office or at trish@dsomaha.org.



M&M Challenge Update

Thank you to those who have returned the M&M tubes with donations for our youth to attend the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas next summer! We've had a great response and are incredibly thankful for the support. This is the last weekend that the orange donation bucket will be out in the atrium for you to return the M&M containers with your donation. A grand total raised from this fundraiser will be published in next week's Heartbeat.

Please continue to keep our youth who are attending the Gathering in your prayers and be watching for future fundraisers that are planned throughout the next 8 months! If you'd like to make a donation after this fundraiser is complete or would like additional information on the Gathering experience, please contact Spencer Owen, Director of Youth Ministry, at spencer@dsomaha.org.

Nebraska District Middle School Youth Gathering Recap

Last weekend, November 13-14, Divine Shepherd had 16 youth and 3 adults participate in the Nebraska District Middle School Youth Gathering, which was held at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in LaVista. The theme for the weekend was GROW based on 2 Peter 3:18. Youth attended breakout sessions on a variety of topics, heard main sessions speakers that talked about the importance of growing in the faith - including "pruning" some of those things that get in the way of our relationship with God, and participated in several fun fellowship activities.

Next year's gathering theme is SHOW and will be held November 12-13 in Kearney. The district gathering is held every year and is open to all 6th, 7th, 8th grade youth. Registration will be available late next summer or early fall.

Seniors for the Lord, PLAN NOW to attend the CHRISTMAS POTLUCK dinner on December 1. We will have a program and hopefully lots of food! CHICKEN will be provided. Side dishes and desserts are welcomed. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Trinity Room. Anyone interested is always welcome. Please call 402-934-7237 (Howard Home) and leave a message if you plan to attend as we need to know the amount of chicken to order.

We will begin to collect the \$100 for the ARK ENCOUNTER DEPOSIT at this meeting. Your deposit will guarantee your place.

GIFT OF STOCK DONATIONS FOR 2021

Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction through stock transfers. Please keep in mind the stock must first be transferred to Divine Shepherd via the Church's brokerage firm before being liquidated. This process can take up to two weeks before it arrives in the church account. If you are planning to make a donation for 2021 via a gift of stock please contact Jennie Smith, Director of Finance and Operations or email her at jennie@dsomaha.org.

Poinsettias will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas 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 an order form found on a table in the atrium and enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd. Return your order and dedication to the church office or place in the offering plate. Orders are due by Sunday, December 12.



Altar flowers are given by Misty Kudrna in thankfulness to God for my husband Gary Kudrna and celebration of his birthday.

MIDWEEK CONNECTION December 1 MEAL OPTIONS:

- Salisbury Steak with mushroom gravy and Mashed Potatoes
- Chicken Enchiladas and Spanish Rice

Now available - a salad with every meal!

PRICES

\$8 for adults, \$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, NOV 29.

December 8 Meal:

- Beef Stroganoff with Buttered Corn
- Herb Chicken and Rice Pilaf with toasted almonds

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.



ANGEL TREE MINISTRY – TAKE AN ANGEL OFF THE TREE!

Angel Tree season is drawing near, and God has blessed us with the opportunity to show his love to 250 children and over 100 incarcerated citizens! Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents. In addition to purchasing gift cards for the children, we are in need of volunteers to help call families, fill out angel tags, and help organize this operation. We invite you to take an angel or two or five and bring back a \$20 Walmart gift card with each angel. Gifts will need to be returned by December 1. We are also asking for financial donations to pay for postage and cover any angels not taken. Call the church office to volunteer or with questions.

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, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 23

10:00am **NO Pastor Mark's Bible study**

Wednesday, November 24

9:00am **NO Women's Bible Study**
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
5:00-7:30pm **NO Meal/Midweek/Classes**
7:00pm **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Thursday, November 25 THANKSGIVING DAY

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

Friday, November 26 CLOSED

6:15am **NO Men's Bible Study**

Saturday, November 27

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 28

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
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)
9:45am **Kids Church**
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton





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

- **Baby boy, Jonathan Paul**, born to Jenny & Josh Darr November 8

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **Trish Thies**, sister of Linda Minderman, serious condition with Covid
- **Ric Rasmussen**, cousin of Pastor Jim, recovering from surgery
- **Pat Meierhenry**, mother of Kay Wasserman, surgery scheduled November 22
- **Lilly Perkins**, healing from knee injury
- **Rich Mendenhall**, son-in-law of Doris Schroeder, awaiting spinal surgery
- **Mary Tietjen**, healing of ankle fracture
- **Shawn Burress**, in the ER with Covid in Colorado
- **Brooke Williams**, treatment for bone infection
- **Mike Cook**, scheduled for surgery November 16
- **Jon Nelson**, son of Dave Nelson, recovering from surgery
- **Chris Dennis**, for shoulder healing
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with debilitating illness
- **All those battling cancer: 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

- **Jill Zehr** and family, as her brother was called home to the Lord November 7

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