

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of December 26, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Thank you carolers! 16 carolers went out on Sunday, December 19 and sang for 14 of our shut-ins and others who were close by. We have gotten some nice thank yous. Thanks again, Melanie Doeschot for organizing this effort and those who went out to sing songs of joy for the season!

Chili Cook-off Returns Jan. 28

After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, we're excited to announce that the famed Chili Cook-off is being planned for January 28 from 5:30-8:30pm! After a 20-year run, Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare has turned over the reins of this event to the Youth Group with all proceeds benefiting various youth ministry trips and events - including the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston.

We're currently looking for individuals, families, or companies who would like to donate items for our silent and live auctions or be a premier sponsor of this event! If you have an item(s) that you'd like to donate - big or small! - or would like information on sponsorships, email spencer@dsomaha.org. More information and chili booth signup will be announced in the coming weeks!

Canasta Card Club will not meet in December. Will see everyone in January.



Altar flowers are given by Mel and Corlyn Klug in celebration of their 68th anniversary on December 23 and in honor of their daughter Janet.

**MIDWEEK MEALS WILL RESUME ON
JANUARY 12, 2022**

Seniors for the Lord will meet on January 5 at 10:00am in the Trinity Center. A game day is planned with a soup luncheon following. Any one willing to provide soup needs to contact Linda Kruse 402-525-5717. Everyone else can bring salad, sandwich or dessert. **ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP** - we will be collecting the remainder of the cost of the Ark Trip at this meeting. Checks must be made to DIAMOND TOURS. No checks will be accepted with anyone else as payee!

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>



Offering Envelopes—please pick up yours on the table in the hallway to the right as you leave the Sanctuary.

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May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright,

even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and

their causes need you most,

and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you

for the year ahead.



LaVerne & Cheryl Benck - *In thankfulness to God for family and for continued good health!;* **Karen Berry** - *In loving memory of Wally Berry;* **Rich & Jackie Bredekamp** - *Thankfulness for the blessing of our children & grandchildren;* **Barb & Mike Cook** - *50th wedding anniversary on December 27;* **Ina Cotner** - *In memory of Don and Scott Cotner;* **Bev Curlee** - *In loving memory of all our loved ones;* **Karen Dix-Johnson** - *To God be the Glory;* **Melanie Doeschot** - *To God be the Glory;* **Dennis & Cheryl Evans** - *In thankfulness for*

Jesus & his blessings to us; **Lynda Farris** - *JD Farris;* **Pat & Deb Ganyo** - *For family;* **Mark & Cathy Greenwald** - *In thanksgiving for blessings received, especially our children and grandchildren;* **Sharon Herzberg** - *Richard & family;* **Gayle & Steve Jipp** - *Thankfulness for our grandchildren and our families; to Christ be the Glory!;* **Nancy Jorn** - *In memory of Tom Jorn;* **Danette Koziol** - *Blessings from God;* **Eileen Kroger** - *Memory of my husband David;* **Lyle & Linda Kruse** - *In thankfulness for the blessings we received in 2021;* **Sandy Lurry** - *In memory of my dear mom;* **Jeff & Janet McLaughlin** - *In loving memory of Jeff's mother Pat and sister Wendy, and Janet's parents Phillip & Dorothy Rabe;* **Mondo & Sandy Marcuzzo** - *In thankfulness for Jesus, our Savior, the Son of God;* **Paul & Ginny Meyer** - *In loving memory of our parents who have gone on ahead & for the recent marriage of Rob & Melissa;* **Paul & Erin Oberhauser** - *In gratitude for our parents - Bob & Judy Oberhauser and Pat & Sandy Swift;* **Wayne Orstad & Patricia Stanosheck** - *To God be the Glory;* **Curt & Melanie Patton** - *In loving memory of our parents, LaVerne & Nancy Birch and Patricia Patton;* **Jim & Margaret Raiman** - *Thankfulness for new granddaughter;* **Zella Rathbun** - *In memory of Leroy Rathbun;* **Pat Reed** - *Happy Birthday, Jesus;* **Geri Rehrs** - *To God be the Glory;* **Bill & Charles Rydstrom** - *In loving memory of Doris & Elizabeth;* **Marlene Seim** - *In honor of our children & grandchildren;* **Dale Sieber** - *In memory of my wife Ann;* **Sizer Family** - *Thankfulness for God's beautiful gifts;* **Maryann & John Skrabal** - *In loving memory of our dad & grandpa, Richard Ziegler;* **Ray & Jane Stier** - *In thankfulness for the many blessings God has bestowed on us;* **Kathy Stinnett** - *Thankfulness to God for all my blessings especially children and grandchildren;* **Ruby Stroh** - *To God be the Glory;* **Sherman & Betty Terrill** - *Reverend & Mrs. Coyle and Reginald & Fannie Terrill;* **Bob & Jan Tieken** - *In thanksgiving for our Savior;* **Jean Volker** - *In memory of my sister Catherine Johnson;* **Kathy & Ken Weber** - *In memory of Ken's dad;* **Bret & Gina Williams** - *In loving memory of Gina's parents, Dick & Gloria Royuk and thankfulness for God's grace in 2021;* **Doris Witecki** - *In memory of Gary.*

This Week's Calendar

Monday, December 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am **NO women's Bible Study** The Gospel of John (Trinity Center) Resumes January 10

Tuesday, December 28

10:00am **NO Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Sanctuary) Resumes January 11

Wednesday, December 29

6:15-7:10pm **NO Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies** Resume January 5, 2022

Thursday, December 30

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

Friday, December 31

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

5:00pm NO worship service

Sunday, January 2

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)

8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)

9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

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NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 1 *No Saturday evening service.*

January 2 *8:00 and 9:30am Sunday services only.
No 10:45am service.*

The normal service schedule will resume January 8-9.



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

- **Jonathan Darr**, son of Jenny & Josh Darr, baptized this weekend
- **Roper Lincoln Lammers**, born to Brett & Jessica Lammers on December 16 (grandparents are Kevin & Cheryl Lammers)
- **Mel & Corlyn Klug**, celebrating their 68th anniversary on December 23
- **Bill & Joni Johnson**, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on December 28
- **Mike & Barb Cook**, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27
- **Chip & Teresa Howell** celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Dale Giebler**, in hospice at home
- **Jeff Echtenkamp**, for healing
- **Duane Stohs**, healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Jeff Echtenkamp**, for healing
- **Marlin Petermann**, hospitalized
- **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
- **Brooke Williams**, treatment for bone infection
- **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 Jon Nelson**, son of Dave Nelson, who went home to the Lord
- **The family of Marcia Pritchett**, aunt of Audrey Sanders, called home to the Lord

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