



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of May 29, 2022

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

We would like to extend a special welcome to any of you who may be members (active or retired) of the Armed Forces—or love someone who was. We remember the sacrifices of those who paid the ultimate price in defending America and are grateful to God for the freedom, security, or stability those sacrifices have brought to this nation.

ARISON CONCERT – 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.

SHARE A MESSAGE WITH OUR GRADUATES!

Please take a few minutes and write an encouraging message, prayer, or Bible Verse on a notecard out on the table in the Atrium and place it in the provided box. Our graduates will receive a keepsake box full of prayers, Bible Verses and encouragement from the people of Divine Shepherd as they prepare for their next adventure in life!

JUST A REMINDER – The church office will be closed Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

NEEDED: VBS SUPPLIES We already have over 100 kiddos signed up to come to our Vacation Bible School June 20-24! We need

MANY supplies to help make this VBS run smoothly and effectively. Please check out the VBS Donation Wall in the Atrium. If you see something you can lend or donate, please take the sheet from the wall, attach it to the needed item and return in on the date listed on the sheet. Please bring the requested item(s) WITH THE PAPER ATTACHED TO THE ITEM. 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.

SENIOR BLESSING ON JUNE 12!

Congratulations High School Graduates! We are so proud of what you've accomplished and want to recognize you on Sunday, June 12! The Youth will be hosting a continental breakfast for you and your family starting at 8:15am in the gym. Then you're welcome to join us for the 9:30am service, where we'll have a special prayer and blessing for all God has planned for your future. Please sign up online at dsomaha.org/summer to be included in this special recognition. Questions can be directed to spencer@dsomaha.org. Please sign up by June 7.

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Thousands of kids have been positively impacted because someone shared the love of Jesus with them at a Vacation Bible School. Could you be the one God uses to make a difference in a child's life? Divine Shepherd's VBS will be held during the mornings of June 20-24, 8:30-11:30am. Can you share a smile and the love of Jesus with children during those 5 mornings? Please contact Trish with questions or to let her know you would like to volunteer. Call her in the church office or email her at trish@dsomaha.org.

PICKLEBALL, ANYONE?

Pickleball resumes on Saturday, June 4. Play is scheduled in the gym from 9:00 - 11:30am, but players can come and go as their schedule permits. If you've never played pickleball, we have experienced players who are happy to instruct. Bring a friend, get some exercise, and have fun. Questions? Email Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org

LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

UPDATE Little Lamb is excited to announce that they are currently at capacity with 125 children enrolled! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry as we bring Jesus to as many children as possible by providing Christ-centered education and care. Please pray that God would continue to send additional staff so we can open more rooms and care for even more children.

DSLCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (5-17-22) RECAP:

- Key Performance Indicators—Membership has grown slightly, while in-person attendance is materially higher than a year ago. Combined operating income is measurably above the budget (+\$208,000) and ahead of last year. The favorable financial position has been augmented by ~\$150,000 in governmental grants and funding. The Seeds of Hope reserve can defray 43 months of bank loan payments.

- Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare—

Operating income is well-above budget, and the childcare enrollment is at capacity.

- Sr. Pastor Call Committee—The committee is preparing the Senior Pastor position description and a desired candidate profile. Congregational survey results were reviewed and incorporated into the candidate profile. A self-study for the District is being finalized. The committee is anticipating a meeting with District President Snow in the near future.

- Strategic Planning—The Board will begin to review the responses from the Know Your Church survey and will discuss intentional strategic initiatives in preparation for the next Senior Pastor.

- Giles Property Sale—The buyer due-diligence process is progressing and we will be meeting with the buyers in the near future.

- NE LCMS District Convention—A list of the nominations for the various District positions and representations was reviewed. Stuart Bartruff will serve as the DSLC lay-delegate at the June convention. Pastor Jim will be the pastoral delegate for DSLC.

- Ministry Partner Presentation—Spencer Owen, Director of Youth Ministry, presented a report on the youth ministry activities.

Praise the Lord for our Blessings! (*Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President*)

STEPHEN MINISTRY MULTIPLIES MINISTRY

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves.

Stephen Ministry provides a biblical solution – equipping God's people for ministry. Gifted lay people who have received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care extend the care that pastors continue to provide.

Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to people who are hurting – both congregation members and nonmembers alike.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the care of a Stephen minister, please text or phone Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or email to marjoa87@gmail.com, with questions. You may also call the church office 402-895-1500.

CANASTA CLUB

Canasta Card Club will meet Tuesday, May 31, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Chapel.

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:E-mail_Spencer@dsomaha.org).

MS & HS: Urban Plunge, Des Moines | June 3-5. An opportunity to serve and put your faith into action!

HS: Senior Blessing & Recognition | June 12, 8:15-10:30am. Breakfast hosted by the youth with a special blessing during the 9:30am service.

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 just around the corner! It's time to start planning activities for the kids during those long summer days. Please consider joining us for VBS and Summer Camps!

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

Art Camp: June 6-9 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

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

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).

DIVINE PIECERS SUMMER BREAK

The Divine Piecers will be pausing after our meeting on Tuesday, May 31. We will be taking the summer off to enjoy family activities. Our group will gather again after Labor Day in September. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping us make quilts for the less fortunate.



Altar flowers are given by Betty and Jim Buller in loving memory of their granddaughter, Madeleine Buller.

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, May 30 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Tuesday, May 31

1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

1:00pm **Canasta** (Chapel)

Wednesday, June 1

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**

6:15pm **Women's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room) – Joy: A Study of Philipians

Thursday, June 2

6:00pm **"The Chosen" Bible study** (Chapel)

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

Friday, June 3

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

Saturday, June 4

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 5

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.

WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING

- **Josh & Jenny Darr** celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary on May 24
- **Doug & Tonya Isaac** celebrating their 28th anniversary on May 27

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Bud Burch**, in rehab at Madonna following surgery
- **Jane Upton**, recovering from stroke
- **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

- **For the family of Dennis Markt**, husband of Pam Markt, called home to the Lord on May 21st
- **For the family of Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug Peetzke, who went home to the Lord on May 24th

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