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***For the Week of March 26-27, 2022***



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### **PASTOR HANNEMANN RECEIVES CALL**

Pastor Hannemann has received a Divine Call to serve as Executive Director of Good Friend Ministries, Traverse City, MI. Good Friend Ministries is a newly established non-profit ministry that will provide retreats and counseling for pastors, their spouses and families. Pastor Mark and Sandy visited there last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers in this time of deliberation as they seek God's will regarding this Call.



**EASTER LILY** and mum plants will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter 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 the order form at the table in the Atrium and enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd. Please return it to the Church Office, place in the offering or in the basket provided. You will be notified when you can take your plants home.

### **HELP FOLDING PALM CROSSES**

Volunteers are needed to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday this year. Those interested can contact Patty Reed at [pattyreedsizer@gmail.com](mailto:pattyreedsizer@gmail.com).

**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!** During this time of Lent, we will be collecting very specific school supplies for kids around the world who need them. Our Ministry of the Month for April is Lutheran World Relief – School Kits. Our goal is to gather enough items to assemble and create 1000 School Kits!! Can you help? The items we need are very specific. LWR cannot accept certain items. You can either shop using our

Amazon Wish List found at [www.dsomaha.org/lwr](http://www.dsomaha.org/lwr) or donate these very specific items by placing them in the bins in the Atrium. You are also invited to help assemble these kits on Wednesday, April 20 from 6:15-7:30pm. We will have a FREE pizza dinner from 5:30-6:00pm before our Packing Party begins at 6:15pm. Put it on your calendar and let's meet this challenge!

Specific items needed:

- 70-sheet notebooks – plain, solid color cover; either wide or college ruled
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side, inches on the other
- hand-held manual pencil sharpener
- blunt or safety scissors
- unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ink ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- rubber bands (for holding 5 pencils or 5 pens together)
- 2 ½" eraser
- money for shipping costs
- If you would like to donate the drawstring bags needed for each of these kits, please use our Amazon Wish List found at [www.dsomaha.org/lwr](http://www.dsomaha.org/lwr)

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will start this Sunday, March 27. The class is for those who do not have a background in our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. This class will meet for six one-hour sessions at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, taking a one-week break on Easter Sunday, April 17, and finishing on May 8.

## **SUPPORT UKRAINE THROUGH ORPHAN**

**GRAIN TRAIN** Orphan Grain Train is working with agencies in Moldova, Poland, & Romania to provide relief for the Ukrainian victims, especially women & children fleeing. They are urgently in need of monetary donations to purchase hygiene items, non-perishable food items, bedding, diapers, powder detergent, powder formula, medical trauma kits, new socks & new underwear. They urgently need monetary donations to cover the costs of shipping & air freight. If you would like to learn more or donate towards Ukrainian Relief Efforts through Orphan Grain Train, please visit the link below: <https://www.ogt.org/relief-for-ukrainian-people/>

## **PICKLEBALL GROUP**

The first pickleball group meeting will be on Saturday, April 2, 9:30 - 11:30am at the Divine Shepherd gym. Interested? You can simply show up, learn the game, and play! Extra equipment is available to use. The group will meet on Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am. Questions? Email Jenny Darr at [jennydarr@dsomaha.org](mailto:jennydarr@dsomaha.org).

## **YOUTH FUNDRAISER THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Comedy Night Fundraiser a success! We had more than 150 people in attendance and raised \$8,134 for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering this summer in Houston! Whether you donated an item for the silent auction, attended the event, or bid on an item - we are so thankful for your support. We owe a special thank you to Ben Webb and Chris Scheufele who provided us with some fun entertainment and lots of laughs throughout the evening! - Divine Shepherd Youth Group

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Lenten Services will be held at 7:15pm in the sanctuary March 30 and April 6. Please join us for these 45-minute services with your family. These services will be live-streamed and then posted for viewing any time.

### **Lenten Series Schedule**

March 30, Week 5 - Mercy in Relationships  
April 6, Week 6 - Mercy in Service  
April 10, Palm Sunday - Mercy in the Psalms  
April 14, Maundy Thursday - Mercy in Bread & Wine  
April 15, Good Friday - Mercy in the Cross  
April 16-17, Easter - Mercy in the Open Tomb

## **MIDWEEK DURING LENT**

Our Midweek Connection schedule changes slightly during Lent. During Wednesday (March 30) Midweek Connection will meet in individual classrooms from 6:15-7:05pm. There will be no Opening in the sanctuary. We pray that families will stay to worship with us for our 7:15pm Wednesday night Lenten services. No classes April 6. May God bless us during this Lenten season.

## **NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING**

Have you heard of The Chosen - the largest crowdfunded media project in history? It is a free streaming television series on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Seasons 1 and 2 have been viewed over 160 million times. Divine Shepherd is offering a Bible study on Season 1 of The Chosen starting this spring. This study will meet on Thursday evenings starting on May 5 from 6-8 pm. The first part of the study will be watching an episode, so please feel free to bring your dinner with you and eat while we watch. Kevin and Trish Reinbold will be facilitating this study. If you would like them to order a book for you (about \$20), please let them know by Wednesday, April 20. Otherwise, you can purchase your own book at [watch.angelstudios.com](http://watch.angelstudios.com) where you can also find more information on The Chosen. If you would like to attend this study and need childcare, please let Trish know so that Nursery workers can be arranged. No need to sign up ahead of time, just join us in the Chapel on May 5 at 6 pm. If you have questions, please see Kevin ([kevin@dsomaha.org](mailto:kevin@dsomaha.org)) or Trish ([trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org)).

## **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

Questions? See Trish. For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit [dsomaha.org](http://dsomaha.org).

**EASTER EGG HUNT!** Kids of all ages are invited to join us for Divine Shepherd's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10am. Bring a basket and a friend!

**WE NEED CANDY!** Please consider donating candy for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Candy can be placed in the labeled bin in the Atrium. Thank you!

**CAN YOU HELP?** Trish is looking for summer help volunteers! It takes a small army to make sure things run smoothly for VBS, Summer Camps, the Easter Egg Hunt and Family Movie Nights. Please let Trish know if you can help even for one hour on one or several of these events. See Trish at church, call her at (402) 895-1500 ext. 215 or email her at [trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org). Thank you for helping to share Jesus with the kids of our church and community!

#### **SENIORS FOR THE LORD**

Everyone going on the ARK ENCOUNTER trip: We will have an informational meeting on **April 6, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Luther Chapel. It is important that all who are able attend or have a representative.

#### **QUILTING MINISTRY**

The Divine Piecers need help tying quilts on Tuesday, March 29, 1-4pm. Everything needed will be furnished. Come join in the fun.

#### **CANASTA CARD CLUB**

Canasta Card Club will meet Tuesday, March 29, in the Chapel at 1:00. Any questions, contact Jan Tieken at 895-3262.

**CONGRATULATIONS KATHY ON YOUR UPCOMING RETIREMENT!** Kathy Kistler, who has worked in the church office since 1995, is planning to retire at the end of June. We are thankful to Kathy for her 27 years of service and all that she has done for the staff and members of Divine Shepherd.

#### **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH 2022**

March	Lutheran Bible Translators
April	Lutheran World Relief School Kits
May	Gideons
June	New York City Church Planting— Pastor Sean Chapman
July	Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia—Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright
August	Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare
September	The Garuna Foundation—Schools in Cambodia



**Altar flowers** are given by Hugh and Kathy Nehls in appreciation of the chancel choir

#### **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>

# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, March 28

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

## Tuesday, March 29

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Chapel)  
1:00pm **Canasta** (Chapel)  
1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

## Wednesday, March 30

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**  
6:15-7:05pm **Midweek Connection Classes or Bible Studies**  
7:15pm **Lenten Worship Service**

## Thursday, March 31

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

## Friday, April 1

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

## Saturday, April 2

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

## Sunday, April 3

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 **New Member Class**  
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) with Pastor Doug Morton  
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)  
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton



Call the Church Office (895-1500) or e-mail [prayers@dsomaha.org](mailto: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 God's great faithfulness, new every morning**
- **For a great attendance at last Wednesday's service**

## FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug, in hospice care
- **Michelle Connors**, daughter of Sherry & Brian Pickett, for safety for her and baby with at-risk pregnancy
- **Nate Moquin**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Takado Moquin**, for healing from infection
- **Lakenn Mendlik**, for healing of fractured foot
- **Millie Zielinski**, for healing of leg
- **Gary Toelle**, recovering in rehab
- **Brianna**, granddaughter of Dave Nelson
- **Donna Wilshusen**, for recovery
- **George & Thiry Kern**, for healing and comfort
- **Gary Krichau**, for effective treatment for cancer
- **George Uden**, for healing of broken hip
- **Marlin Mundt**, father of Matt, hospitalized in Norfolk
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery in rehab
- **All those battling cancer: 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 OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Aaron Grelson, Tina Byrant, Christian Reinbold and Dan Lazinek
- **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

- **For the work of Lutheran Bible Translators**
- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers