

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of October 16, 2022

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Last week the Call Committee received the approved Senior Pastor Candidate List back from the District Office. The Committee has reviewed them all based on our church's needs as put together by the congregational survey results, updated job description, and missional planning goals. Next steps are interviews and in-person visits which will be conducted over the next couple months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any Committee Member. We are here to help all of us get through this time of transition. Thank you so much for your participation, patience, and prayers for this process.

Call Committee Members

Jason Snell - Call Committee Chair

Barb Meier

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OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS NEXT WEEKEND

Bethlehem Christian Families with their beautiful olive wood carvings will be with us next weekend, October 22-23. They will be set up in the Atrium and will be selling their items after the 5:00pm Saturday service and all morning on Sunday. This is a great way to support our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Holy Land as well as adorning our homes or workplaces with Christian artwork or giving these items as gifts. You can look at their products at bcfmission.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT

You're invited - Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 30 from 3pm to 5pm in the upper parking lot. All kids and their families are invited to come and enjoy.

Host a Trunk - We still need some cars to host Trunk or Treat! Can you help host this event by decorating your vehicle in a fun, cute or (slightly) scary way for kids to look at as they walk around and collect candy. You can sign up on the website. **Donate Candy** - We are collecting candy to hand out during this event. Please put donated candy in the labeled bin in the Atrium. Thank you!

MIDWEEK MEALS

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm on Wednesdays before Midweek classes. Meals will be \$5 for adults and free for kids 10 and under. You do not need to sign up in advance for the meal. October 19 Menu: Breakfast for Dinner (Meal is for adults and kids)

ANGEL TREE IS COMING

Angel Tree season is drawing near, and God has blessed us with the opportunity to show his love to children and incarcerated people! 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 for the children of incarcerated parents. In addition to purchasing gifts, we have multiple opportunities for you to participate in Angel Tree:

1. Calling Team - A personal phone visit with each child's caregiver to determine specific needs (wants).
2. Gift Tags - Help write a child's request on gift tags. Members can purchase gifts on tags.
3. Sorting Gifts - Preparing gifts for wrapping.
4. Wrapping Gifts - Come to a wrapping party.
5. Delivery - Deliver presents to families on the scheduled date.

All of the above will be accomplished by Dec. 10. Watch for more details in early November. Please contact jennydarr@dsomaha.org to be part of this rewarding ministry.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN DONATIONS NEEDED

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA. Divine Shepherd recently shipped 144 packed boxes of donated items. Please consider donating the following used items: Shoes, coats, bedding, towels, clothing (kids and adult sizes). You can donate items in the Orphan Grain Train bin in the Atrium.

OCTOBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Thank you for the door offering of \$2,050 given to Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha, our October Ministry of the Month. Concordia offers a Christ-centered education for students K-12. You can continue to give towards this ministry throughout the month.

EXPERIENCE CONCORDIA OMAHA DAY

Please join Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School (15656 Fort St.) for their Experience Concordia Day on Friday, October 28 from 12pm to 3pm. They welcome 6th - 12th grade students to this event, where they will enjoy a free pizza lunch, student-led chapel, jazz band entertainment, and so much more. Email Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org for more information or to register. You may also register at bit.ly/ECD-2022

CARE PACKAGES FOR SHUT-INS AND COLLEGE-AGED STUDENTS

Our 6th grade through High School youth will be putting together care packages for our shut-ins and college-aged students later this month. Each care package will include an encouraging handwritten note from a youth, some goodies, and a devotional book. After praying for the recipients, the youth will help deliver packages.

But we need your help with two things:

1) Do you have a child or grandchild in college, trade school, or the military that could be blessed by a care package? Submit their name and address online at dsomaha.org/youth and we'd love to send them one! Deadline to submit names and information is Tuesday, October 25th.

2) Could you help deliver some of the care packages to our shut-ins on Thursday or Friday, November 3-4? You can take just a few to those near your neighborhood or you could deliver a whole bunch! It'd be a great way for you and/or

your family to meet some of our dearly loved members who aren't able to regularly attend worship in person. If you're interested, please e-mail spencer@dsomaha.org.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD will meet in the Trinity Center on November 2 to hear Charles Cooper speak on the work and mission of MOSIAC. The program will begin at 10:00am, but please come at 9:00am to help wrap Christmas books for the Little Lambs. Paper, scissors, and tape will be furnished. Following the program we plan to have lunch at Shirley's Diner. Anyone is always welcome to join us. Please call Sharon Herzberg, 402-496-0292 by Oct. 31 so we can get an approximate lunch count.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Do you love kids? Do you want to help your church? We need you! We need loving people who want to care for our littlest ones to work in the Nursery. Help is needed on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. This is a paid position and provides a wonderful service to our young families. Please call the church office or talk to Trish if you are interested in applying or would like more information.

CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

The Nebraska District LCMS shared with us that October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. More than 11,000 church workers faithfully serve the congregations, schools and people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Congregations and schools are encouraged to thank God for these workers, throughout the month of October, to show appreciation for their pastors and for all church workers.

2022 CAMP LUTHER WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join women from around the region for Christian growth and fellowship at the 2022 Camp Luther Women's Retreat: "Walk in the Light!", led by author and speaker Deb Burma. This retreat is exclusively for women to grow in faith and friendship in an overnight camp setting. Open to women of all ages and across Nebraska (and beyond!), it's the chance to be encouraged and refreshed by God's love in a positive, fun, and relaxing environment! Activities include crafts, group games, personal retreat time, devotions, worship, and more. Wherever you are in your walk with God, you are welcome to come share in His

joy and love with your sisters in Christ. Register at campluther.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Kathie Haubensak "To God be the Glory for gratitude for our pastors -- and all the family of Divine Shepherd."

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday, 9:30am - Women's Bible Study - "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture," with Dena Nigh (Shepherd's Room)

Monday, 10:00am - Women's Bible Study - "Esther" with Trish Reinbold (Trinity Center)

Tuesday, 10:00am - Adult Bible Study - "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John with Pastor Doug (Chapel)

Wednesday

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study - "Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)

6:30pm - Parenting Bible Study - Sexuality Mentality: Creating a Culture Biblical Integrity with Sally Vandeberghe (Shepherd's Room)

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Joy, a Study of Philippians with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)

6:30pm - Men's Bible Study - A Biblical Take on Current Events with Ken Mar and Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)

Friday, 6:15am - Men's Bible Study - Philippians with Jason Snell jrsnell@rdotc.com (Shepherd's Room)

The deadline for weekly communication submissions is Wednesday, 5pm.

**E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP
AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG**

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, October 17

10:00am **Women's Bible Study** - "Esther" (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, October 18

10:00am **Adult Bible Study** "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John (Chapel)
1:00pm **Quilting Group** "Divine Piecers" (Chapel)

Wednesday, October 19

5:15-6:05pm Midweek Meal (Gym)
6:15pm-7:30pm Midweek Connections Classes (Begin in the Sanctuary)
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
7:45pm Handbell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 20

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

Friday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 22

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 23

8:00am **Traditional Service** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" (Shepherd's Room)
9:30am **New Member Class** (Trinity Center)
10:45am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (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

- **Robert Schmitz and Melissa Johannsen**, married last weekend
- **For those celebrating First Communion** this weekend

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Bob Tieken**, continued healing
- **Cheryl Evans**, healing following chemo treatment
- **Arnie Rumfield**, for healing after hip surgery
- **Deb Lamb**, recovering from surgery
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Bob Weiss**, brother of Kathie Haubensak, for healing
- **Dee Dennis**, mother of Chris Dennis, in hospice care
- **Mark Crane**, recovering from surgery
- **Lois Koehler**, for healing
- **Steve Jipp**, that the Lord would guide the treatment decision process.

FOR COMFORT AND PEACE

- **Pray for the family of John D. Haak**, father of Brad Haak, grandfather of Britney Ryba and Nicole Brown, who passed away October 6.

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including 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

- **Prayers for our Church as we go through the senior pastor call process.** For wisdom and discernment for the Call Committee as they follow the process, that God's will be done for our congregation.
- **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
- **Rebecca Bartelt**, daughter of Rev. Bartelt, preparing to serve on the mission field in Taiwan as a music educator.