

# HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## For the Week of October 23, 2022

### OCTOBER 30 SUNDAY PANCAKE FEED

The fifth Sunday elder flippin' pancake feed is back! The elders are pulling out their aprons and spatulas to cook breakfast for you and your family on Sunday, October 30 from 9am to 11am in the gym. A free will offering will be collected.

*Note: In lieu of donuts in the chapel, join us for coffee, pancakes, and fellowship in the gym.*

### OPEN DOOR MISSION FOOD DRIVE

Divine Shepherd is hosting a food drive for Open Door Mission. This holiday season Open Door Mission expects to provide more than 284,820 fresh, nutritious meals to the hungry and homeless. As you know, with the cost of everything going up including gas and groceries, so many people are struggling. People who may have never needed help before, will need help this holiday season. You can bring the food items to the bins in the Atrium until Nov. 13. Open Door Mission has provided a list of nonperishable holiday food items to donate:

- Canned vegetables
- Stuffing
- Canned fruit
- Boxed Meals (like Hamburger helper)
- Soup
- Pasta/Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Mac 'n' cheese

You can also shop their Turkey 'N' Fixin's Amazon Wish List. The link can be found on our website.

### RAKE IT UP

Join us for Rake it Up on Sunday, November 6 from 12pm to 3pm. We'll spend the afternoon together raking leaves for those less able in our Divine Shepherd community.

There are two signup options:

1) Help Rake. Sign-up yourself, family, and friends to be part of our Raking Crew. We'll split up into teams and you'll be given a specific

address to go to. Rakes will be available, but feel free to bring your own. This is a great opportunity for those in need of service hours. All ages are welcome to join us.

2) Get your yard raked! If help raking leaves would be blessing, please sign-up and we'll do our best to send a team to your yard to help.

Residents are asked to provide yard waste bags for the raking team.

You can sign-up online or by calling the church office. Questions? Feel free to contact Ken Mar at [kmar@habitatomaha.org](mailto:kmar@habitatomaha.org).

### 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 and festive 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 27 Menu: Spaghetti dinner, salad and breadsticks, Kids: hotdog, chips, mac & cheese.

### 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](http://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](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org).

<b>Finance Update</b>		
<b>Year-To-Date as of September 2022</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
DSLCL Contributions	\$1,046,253	\$1,065,813
LLPC Tuition & Contributions	\$712,500	\$866,525
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,758,753</b>	<b>\$1,932,338</b>
DSLCL Expense	\$1,136,796	\$1,117,945
LLPC Expense	\$708,942	\$704,370
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,845,738</b>	<b>\$1,822,315</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$86,985</b>	<b>\$110,023</b>

**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](mailto: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 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. Give online at [dsomaha.org](http://dsomaha.org) under "Ministry of 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 more. Email Dawn Cooksey at [cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org) for more information or to register. You may also register at [bit.ly/ECD-2022](http://bit.ly/ECD-2022)

**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.

**CANASTA CARD CLUB** will meet Tuesday, October 25, at 1:00pm in the Chapel.

### **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.

### **ASSURE WOMEN'S CENTER JOB OPENING**

Assure Women's Center is looking to expand its connections in the community. They are looking to hire a Community Outreach Coordinator/Development Assistant. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, contact Kathy Larsen (kathy@assureomaha.com), Development Director, to learn more.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given by Matt and Brigetta Mundt in celebration and thankfulness for God's blessings for 10 years of marriage on October 26th.

### **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 jsnell@rdotc.com (Shepherd's Room)

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# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, October 24

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

## Tuesday, October 25

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

## Wednesday, October 26

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

## Thursday, October 27

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

## Friday, October 28

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

## Saturday, October 29

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

## Sunday, October 30

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8:00am **Traditional Service** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:00-11:00am **Pancake Feed, Coffee and Fellowship** (Gym)  
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)  
9:30am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (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 and New Member Welcome (Sanctuary)  
3:00-5:00pm **Trunk or Treat** (Upper Parking Lot)

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

- **Matt and Brigetta Mundt**, celebrating 10 years of marriage

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Bob Tieken**, recovering from hip surgery
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Dee Dennis**, mother of Chris Dennis, in hospice care
- **Mark Crane**, recovering from surgery
- **Lois Koehler**, for diagnosis and treatment of illness
- **Steve Jipp**, for healing
- **Paula Kresl**, daughter of Ellen Schwartz, in the hospital.
- **Beverly Schellpepper**, for healing after glaucoma surgery
- **Sara Kuebler**, for strength as she deals with multiple sclerosis
- **Sylvia Jenkins**, recovery from heart problems
- **Bob Tieken**, recovering from hip surgery
- **Craig Pfungsten**, recovering from infection

### 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.