

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of November 6, 2022

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

This weekend as we observe All Saints' Day, we remember those from our congregation who have departed in the faith to be with Jesus in the past year:

Gwendolyn Debban
Marlin Petermann
Dale Giebler
Robert Martin
Margaret Stanesic
Kenneth Van Hulle
Gerald Maher
Dennis Markt
Robert Conley
Donald Bouchard III
Juanita Parker
Bill Johnson
Joan Mantz
Charles Gierke

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY NOV. 13

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 13 at noon for a Congregational Assembly. The agenda will include reports on the status of our agreement to sell the property at 168th and Giles Road; the call process for our next senior pastor; finances; and ministry, as well as appointing a pastor and lay representative to vote in the LCMS president election. A second meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11 that will include the approval of next year's fiscal budgets and the election of the 2023 Board of Directors, Board of Elders and Officers.

RAKE IT UP

Join us for Rake it Up this Sunday, November 6 from 12pm to 3pm. We'll spend the afternoon together raking leaves for those less able in our Divine Shepherd community. Just show up on Sunday and we'll split up into teams. 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. We will meet at the church parking lot.

ANGEL TREE - PICK UP TAGS NEXT WEEK

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree provides an opportunity to extend the hope of the Gospel families of incarcerated individuals by purchasing Christmas gifts for their children on their behalf. This year Divine Shepherd has the opportunity to show God's love to 60 children and over 39 incarcerated parents. Beginning November 13 you are invited to select one or more angel tags from the Angel Tree in the Atrium and bring back the requested gift on the tag.

THANK YOU, DIVINE SHEPHERD!

Trunk or Treat was a great success! We had 13 trunks decorated for the 425 kids who came through our parking lot. This was a great outreach to our community and a wonderful way for our own member kids, grandkids and Little Lamb families to enjoy the time together. We handed out not only candy, but invitations to church, save the date cards for VBS 2023, Christian fun activity pads and more. Thank you for your prayers, your candy donations, your creativity with trunks, and your willingness to serve others in the name of Jesus.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY: BOOKS FOR AFRICA

Our November Ministry of the Month will benefit the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS), a refugee church body that has persevered during unfathomable hardships. Forced to leave their country to flee a bloody civil war, members have relocated to other nearby countries. In Ethiopia, the church body operates Trinity Lutheran Seminary, which trains pastors, and Trinity Lutheran College, which trains nurses and other students. Both schools are in desperate need of books.

Thousands of books have been collected by Pastor Doug and others and are stored in Omaha and

other Midwest locations. Some funds have been raised to ship them, but more are needed and the cost of shipping them has gone up. The North American Board of Directors for the LCSS (of which both Pastor Jim and Pastor Doug are members) is working with an organization called Books for Africa to ship these books so both schools can have a decent library for their students. A special offering will be taken at all services Nov. 12-13 to help fund the shipping of these books. You can also give online at dsomaha.org under Ministry of the Month.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Give thanks to the Lord with us at our Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service on Wednesday, November 23 at 7pm.

CARE PACKAGE UPDATE

Over the past two weeks, the 6th-8th Grade Confirmation classes and the High School Youth have put together nearly 100 care packages for college students in 13 states, several church members, and some of the support staff here at DSLC who serve us daily. The 6th and 7th grade youth also learned about our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). They created care packages that will be sent to random church workers throughout the country who serve in congregations, district offices, and at the Synodical office in St. Louis, which include handwritten cards thanking and encouraging them in their service to the Lord's Church.

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. November 9 Menu: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, salad & chips, Kids: hotdog, chips, mac & cheese.

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, may 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.

Next Sunday, November 13 is the last day to donate food.

CONCORDIA GOODS AND GIFTS HOLIDAY

BAZAAR Saturday, November 12, from 9am to 3pm at Concordia Jr. - Sr. High School, located at 15656 Fort Street. This annual sale is held so that students can earn money to pay for mission trips. This sale is in its 12th year and will have a wide variety of vendors.

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS

A new flower calendar is posted in the narthex near the office door for 2023. The cost of flowers has risen. Each bouquet will be \$35, or a total of \$70 per Sunday. If you wish to only furnish one, please place a 1 next to your name. Flowers are on standing order, and payment is made to Divine Shepherd. If two people sign for the same date, the cost will be for one bouquet. Thank you in advance for participating in this ministry!

HELP WANTED AT LITTLE LAMB

Kitchen Volunteer Help - Little Lamb is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen preparing fruit and washing dishes.

Teachers and Assistants - Little Lamb is hiring part-time and full-time infant and toddler teachers and assistants. We're at capacity and hoping to provide care for more families. If you know of someone who loves kids and is looking for a job, please pass along our information to them.

Please contact Tonya Issac (tonya@dsomaha.org) if interested in either opportunity.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT TREASURER OPENING

The Nebraska District LCMS is seeking a full-time treasurer to manage the business affairs of the

district and assist the district president in caring for the financial matters of district congregations and workers. The Nebraska District Treasurer is an integral leader of the district and district ministries. The Treasurer is the primary guide for the District Board of Directors in helping them fulfill their fiduciary duties on behalf of the congregations of the district. The position requires both a firm accounting capacity and a kingdom perspective. We seek to be careful stewards of God's gifts and work to make the greatest impact on our world with His grace, therefore the Treasurer is a person of faith and witness as we make every effort to build up our congregations and workers in their gospel ministries. This work includes assisting the district president in caring for the financial matters of district workers and congregations and their treasurers. As business manager for the district office and staff, the treasurer also helps care for those working deployed and in the office. Learn more at <https://ndlcms.org/jobs/>

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dale Sieber in memory of his wife's birthday and by Sharon Herzberg in memory of her husband, Richard.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Please see the website, dsomaha.org, and calendar for our Adult Bible Study offerings.

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, November 7

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

Tuesday, November 8

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, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11

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

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13

8:00am **Traditional Service** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00am **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)
10:45am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
12:00pm **Congregational Assembly** (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.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Bob Tieken**, recovering from hip surgery
- **Greg Mosher**, recovering from a fall
- **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
- **Nancy Jorn**, for successful upcoming medical procedure
- **Greg Dennis**, brother of Chris Dennis, for treatment of Parkinson's
- **Al Jimerson**, prayers for his upcoming MRI and biopsy
- **Bill Seim**, recovering from surgery
- **Corlyn Klug**, for healing

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Dan Lazinek, Sean Stone, Michael Hanson, Calvin Kruse, and Skyler Bergelt
- **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 moisture to relieve the drought**

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.