

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of March 19-20, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Divine Shepherd is pleased to welcome the following new members in our 10:45 service this Sunday:

- Jordan Barlow
- John and Denise Buss
- Gary, Helen, Elizabeth, Zachary and Bethany Krichau
- Joel, Stacie, Kamden, Kade and Kynlee Kuhlmann
- Dale Sieber
- Ray and Jane Stier
- Stacy, Joe and Sam Vocelka

Stop and get acquainted with these brothers and sisters in Christ at a reception in the Atrium following the service.

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 are visiting there this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers in this time of deliberation as they seek God's will regarding this Call.

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



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.

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.oqt.org/relief-for-ukrainian-people/>

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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE – FT AND PT OPENING
Divine Shepherd has a full-time and a part-time position available to fulfill office coordination, human resources, and bookkeeping duties. Qualified applicants will have office administration experience and be well versed in Microsoft Office and Google applications. Applicants considered for bookkeeping duties must have experience using Quickbooks. For more information contact jennie@dsomaha.org or call her at 402-630-3344.



Thank you for the generous door offering of \$3,577 given to Lutheran Bible Translators. Lutheran Bible Translators partner with individuals, organizations, and language communities to put God's Word in their hands. As a gift from Lutheran Bible Translators, you can access the gift of experiencing God's Word through music at the link below. The Living Water Project brings together world-class artists with one aim: produce an immersive and accessible experience of Scripture through music that refreshes you and uplifts your spirit.

<https://lbt.org/LIVINGWATER/>

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE
Lenten Services will be held at 7:15pm in the sanctuary through 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 23, Week 4 - Mercy in Betrayal
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 the next 2 Wednesdays (March 23 and 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.

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 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

Rev. Ronald E. Gocken Obituary and Memorial Service Pastor Ron Gocken, the founding pastor of Divine Shepherd, who served our church for nine years, went to be with the Lord February 19. His service will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA on Saturday, March 26 at 11:00am, PST. To watch his service live, call the church office for a Zoom link. The link will be sent to you after we receive it. **Divine Shepherd will also host a gathering for those interested in watching the service together in the Luther Chapel. The service will begin at 1:00pm CST on Saturday, March 26.**

Here is his obituary from the Seattle Times:

September 26, 1936 – February 19, 2022. Ron's gentle warmth, gracious presence, generous spirit and humble faith brought light to the lives of all he met. He was beloved by family, friends and those who received his compassion and care. He finished his "special walk with Jesus" at home as he wished. Ron graduated from Columbus, Nebraska, high school in 1955, then St. John's College in Kansas and seminary training in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and St. Louis. He and first wife Janet served Lutheran churches in Wyoming, South Dakota, Omaha, Mercer Island and Bellevue, Washington. His special care for the sick led to a 25-year career as chaplain with Lutheran Ministry Services NW and Seattle Children's Hospital. He retired leaving a legacy of love for and from patients, families and colleagues.

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.

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. Thank you for helping to share Jesus with the kids of our church and community!

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 Geri and Greg Rehers in celebration of the blessings of Geri's 10 year cancer journey.

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 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

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

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 27

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
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) with Holy Communion
10:45am **Zoom Adult Bible Study** on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton



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

- **Grace Renee and Blake Eugene Brown, twins of Micah & Kortney Brown,** baptized last weekend
- **Stella Rauh, daughter of Brian and Amanda Rauh,** baptized this weekend
- **For the generous response for the work of Lutheran Bible Translators.**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **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
- **Naomi Corrie,** for her Aunt Teresa, for successful cancer surgery March 15
- **George Uden,** for healing of broken hip
- **Clarine Polak,** mother of Cheryl Wichman, hospitalized
- **Marlin Mundt,** father of Matt, hospitalized in Norfolk
- **Georgia,** mother of Paul Steege, for peaceful passing
- **Jerry Dickmeyer,** brother of Diane Meyer, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Diane Daubendiek,** recovering from knee surgery
- **Kevin,** extended family member of Jason Merrill, for healing
- **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 THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Steve Cording,** uncle of Jennie Smith, who went home to the Lord on March 15

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 courage**
- **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