



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of June 5, 2022

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING SET

Using the results of the recent online survey of the congregation, members of the Boards of Directors and Elders will join staff at a strategic planning session on Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The goal is to keep the church actively moving forward over the coming months while the call process for the next senior pastor continues.

A total of 227 people filled out the 160-question survey in March. It measured respondents' perceptions of Divine Shepherd's health in six purposes of the church: discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, prayer and worship. Respondents perceived worship as Divine Shepherd's top strength, while prayer scored second-highest. The categories of ministry, fellowship, evangelism and discipleship, while showing some strengths, indicated a need for attention or greater focus.

Overall, the church's score "typifies a church that perceives itself to have a few positive signs, yet enough negatives that significant room for improvement remains," said the report from Church Answers, which designed the survey. If you would like to read the full report on the survey results, email Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

Mike Milbourn, an experienced strategic planning facilitator who is director of operations at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln, will facilitate the session on June 11 in Luther Chapel. It is expected to be the first of two sessions held this month to develop initiatives to be put in place over the next 12 to 18 months.

ARISON CONCERT – JUNE 15

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is hosting a FREE AriSon Concert in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, June 15 at 7pm. AriSon is an exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and

lives of kids and families. Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! The concerts are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.

We also invite you to join us in the Trinity Center for a pizza potluck prior to the concert at 6pm on June 15. You bring a warm pizza to share, and we'll provide desserts and drinks.

LUTHER ROSE BANNER

A beautiful satin banner featuring Luther's Seal with the words "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone" has been hung next to the altar in the Luther Chapel in memory of Jim Taylor Jr.

SHARE A MESSAGE WITH OUR GRADUATES!

Please take a few minutes and write an encouraging message, prayer, or Bible Verse on a notecard out on the table in the Atrium and place it in the provided box. Our graduates will receive a keepsake box full of prayers, Bible Verses and encouragement from the people of Divine Shepherd as they prepare for their next adventure in life! Please submit messages by this Tuesday, June 7.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for our Family Movie Night, showing "Sing," on Saturday, June 11 at 6pm. Come in your jammies and bring blankets and pillows. We will have hot dogs, drinks, chips, popcorn, candy and watch a family-friendly movie downstairs in the Trinity Center. Free-will donations will be accepted.

REGISTER FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 20-24, 8:30-11:30am. Come with us on an adventure through the southwest desert to CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATNESS. We will sing rockin' songs, go on awesome Bible adventures, play fun

games, eat yummy snacks, participate in cool science experiments and much more! This VBS is for 3 year olds through 5th graders. Register online at dsomaha.org.

VBS SUPPLIES UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has or is planning to donate supplies for Vacation Bible School June 20-24! There are still a few needs you can check out on the VBS Donation Wall in the Atrium. Please return all requested item(s) WITH THE PAPER ATTACHED TO THE ITEM by BY JUNE 13. Be sure to put your contact information down on the paper, especially if we are borrowing something from you which you would like returned. Thank you so much for helping to make this year's VBS a wonderful time. Questions? See Trish.

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Thousands of kids have been positively impacted because someone shared the love of Jesus with them at a Vacation Bible School. Could you be the one God uses to make a difference in a child's life? Divine Shepherd's VBS will be held during the mornings of June 20-24, 8:30-11:30am. Can you share a smile and the love of Jesus with children during those 5 mornings? Please contact Trish with questions or to let her know you would like to volunteer. Call her in the church office or email her at trish@dsomaha.org.

SENIOR BLESSING ON JUNE 12!

Congratulations High School Graduates! We are so proud of what you've accomplished and want to recognize you on Sunday, June 12! The Youth will be hosting a continental breakfast for you and your family starting at 8:15am in the gym. Then you're welcome to join us for the 9:30am service, where we'll have a special prayer and blessing for all God has planned for your future. Please sign up online at dsomaha.org/summer to be included in this special recognition. Questions can be directed to spencer@dsomaha.org. Please sign up by June 7.

WORSHIP AND MEDIA COOKOUT

When: Monday, June 13, 6pm - Dusk
Where: Walnut Grove Park (Across from the Church**)
Who: All worship/band members, media team, & your families! If you are interested in joining the worship and media team, please come!

Bring:

- A salad, side, or dessert (We'll provide hotdogs and burgers.)
- Games (There's a playground and pavilion with picnic tables.)
- Your own drinks
- Extra Chairs

Please RSVP online by Friday, June 10.

**If it rains, we will be in the church gym.

CELEBRATING KATHY ON HER UPCOMING

RETIREMENT Join us in celebrating Kathy Kistler's 27 years of service as Divine Shepherd's Office Manager. Kathy, who has worked in the church office since 1995, is planning to retire at the end of June. Please consider sharing a note of thanks or a card with Kathy through this month. A box is available in the Atrium.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MULTIPLIES MINISTRY

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves.

Stephen Ministry provides a biblical solution – equipping God's people for ministry. Gifted lay people who have received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care extend the care that pastors continue to provide.

Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to people who are hurting – both congregation members and nonmembers alike.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the care of a Stephen minister, please text or phone Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or email to marjoa87@gmail.com, with questions. You may also call the church office 402-895-1500.

MS & HS YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Check out all that's happening this summer for MS & HS Youth! More details and signups can be found online at dsomaha.org/summer. Pay close attention as these events have varying signup deadlines! Have Questions?

E-mail_Spencer@dsomaha.org.

HS: Senior Blessing & Recognition | June 12, 8:15-10:30am. Breakfast hosted by the youth

with a special blessing during the 9:30am service.

MS & HS: Worlds of Fun in KC | June 13.

Spend the day riding rides and going down water slides!

HS: Paintball @ MadCow Paintball | June 26, 12:15-4pm.

HS: High School Youth Lock-in | July 29-30, 7pm-8am. Includes a super secret off-site activity!

MS: Middle School Youth Night | August 12, 6-11pm.

Be sure to check out the website and the youth social media pages for the most accurate information!

SUMMER PLANS FOR KIDS!

Summer is here! There is still time to sign up for activities during the long summer days.

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

For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org or contact Trish (trish@dsomaha.org).



Altar flowers are given by Judd and Nancy Gilka in celebration of their second anniversary.

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>

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

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, June 6

8:30pm **Art Camp** (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, June 7

8:30pm **Art Camp** (Trinity Center)

Wednesday, June 8

8:30pm **Art Camp** (Trinity Center)
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:15pm **Women's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room) – Joy: A Study of Philipians

Thursday, June 9

8:30pm **Art Camp** (Trinity Center)
6:00pm **"The Chosen" Bible study** (Chapel)
7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 11

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

Sunday, June 12

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
8:15am **Senior Blessing Breakfast** (Gym)
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
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 **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

- **Beckham Leo Marousek**, child of Jacob & Andrea Marousek, baptized this weekend
- **Don & Mary Tietjen**, celebrating 58 years of marriage on May 31
- **Bob & Tammy Narducci**, celebrating their 34th anniversary on June 4

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Craig Steege**, brother of Paul, with liver disease in California
- **Bud Burch**, in rehab at Madonna following surgery
- **Jane Upton**, recovering from stroke
- **David Ward**, father of Jennie Mason, recovering from pacemaker placement
- **Scott Jones**, hospitalized for 2 months
- **Sophia Hart**, recovering from illness
- **Paul Steege**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Gary Kamtz**, recovering from surgery
- **Patti Jensen**, for severe sciatic pain
- **All those battling cancer: Paula Kresl, Doris Witecki, Gary Krichau, Victoria Rose Reed, 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 Tony Johannsen**, brother of Melissa Johannsen, who went home to the Lord

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

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

- **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