



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of August 29, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

8/22 & 8/29
**SIGN UP
SUNDAYS**

Sign Up Sundays

It's Sign Up Sunday! We're inviting you to join us by participating and serving in the life of our church

family this fall. The church is so much more than a building or something we do on Sunday mornings. It's a community, a family in Christ. We have something for everyone!

Please fill out one card for each member in your household, including children. You can turn in the form today in the baskets as you leave or bring it back next Sunday.

We're happy to answer any questions you may have about ways you can connect with God and others here at Divine Shepherd! You can Find DS staff in the atrium on August 29 between services to learn more.



We invite you to join our church family on Wednesday nights at Divine Shepherd for Midweek Connection. Our focus will be on CONNECTIONS; connections first and foremost with God and His Word and connections between each other. There will be something for EVERYONE!

SCHEDULE

5:00 - 6:00pm *Meal in the gym*
6:15 - 6:25pm *Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)*
6:30 - 7:30pm *Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies*

CLASS OFFERINGS

- Midweek Connections Bible Classes for Kids (3yrs - Fifth Grade)
- Midweek Connections Middle School Confirmation Class (Sixth through Eighth Grade)
- Midweek Connections High School Youth Group & Bible Study

Adult Bible Studies List elsewhere in this Heartbeat

The Nursery will also be available for children who can sit up by themselves (about 6 months old) through 2 year olds.

MEALS

We will be offering a hot, homemade catered meal each week. Meal registrations will need to be made for the dinner being offered every Wednesday. Don't like what will be served? Feel free to bring your own dinner (picnic style, drive-thru, etc.) and still enjoy the fellowship of your Divine Shepherd friends around a table in the gym.

Please register yourself and your children for classes and meals at dsomaha.org

Membership Class Starting: A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will begin Sunday, Sept. 19. This class, for those who don't have a background in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church.

The class will meet for seven weeks at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Trinity Center on the lower level and will be taught by the pastors. If you are interested in joining and have current or past membership in another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, only a one-hour orientation class is required. That will take place Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m. To enroll or inquire about either class, contact Kathy in the church office, 402-895-1500, or kathy@dsomaha.org.



Midweek Connection Meal Serving & Clean-Up

Beginning on September 8, our Midweek Connection Meals will be catered by a local company each Wednesday. We need 4-6 people to help host, serve, and clean-up the provided meals each week. Volunteers would need to arrive around 4:30pm, set out eating and serving utensils, prepare drinks, distribute desserts onto plates, and serve food. We also need a clean-up crew that would be willing to stick around after the meal and tidy up. You can pick a week or two to serve or come every week! Email Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org to learn more and she'll send you a Sign-Up Genius



SAVE THE DATE! Divine Shepherd's Family Fest is Sunday, September 19 from 9:00am-1:00pm in the church's upper parking lot. There will be inflatables, face-painting, food, games, music and great fellowship. More details in the weeks to come. You won't want to miss it!



Next Weekend's Sermon September 4 & 5

What Good Is It?
James 2:1-10, 14-18

Adult Bible Studies

Bible Studies are available at Divine Shepherd—email contact person for more information.

Sunday mornings: 10:45am

Zoom Adult Bible study on **Ephesians** with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at spencer@dsomaha.org moving to 9:30am Sunday at church starting September 12

Women's Bible Study - Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture, Sundays at 9:30am with Dena Nigh

Monday mornings: 10:00 am

Women's Bible study on the Gospel of John led by Trish Reinbold will begin on Monday, September 13 in the Trinity Center. Contact Trish to let her know you will be joining or for more information: trish@dsomaha.org

Tuesday mornings: 10:00am

Pastor Mark's Bible Study is entitled "*The Power of Forgiveness.*"

Wednesdays:

Women's Bible Study - *Gathered in Faith*, 9:00am with Jamie Holdt

Adult Bible Study - Exposing the Darkness, Wednesdays at 6:30pm with Pastor Mark

Parenting Bible Study - Intentional Parenting, Wednesdays at 6:30pm with Tim & Joan Nordquist

Women's Bible Study - Seamless, Understanding the Bible as One Story, Wednesdays at 6:30pm with Jenny Darr

Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30pm with Ken Mar & Alan Eschmann

Friday mornings: 6:15am

Men's study on **2 Corinthians**, in person in the Shepherd's Room.



**Upcoming Middle School & High School
Events at Divine Shepherd**

Registration for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is now open! Next summer's gathering is July 8-15th in Houston, Texas and is open to all students entering high school (current 8th graders) to seniors. Additional details, cost information and online registration can be found online at dsomaha.org/NYG. Anyone with specific questions can talk to Spencer or email him at spencer@dsomaha.org. All registrations must be completed by Oct. 1!

Adult Leader Applications are also available online at dsomaha.org/NYG or paper copies are available from Spencer. Adults interested in serving as an Adult Leader for next summer's gathering are encouraged to fill out an application and return it to Spencer by Oct. 1. Adult leaders will be chosen by Oct. 18.

Last chance before the registration fee increases for the Nebraska District Middle School Youth Gathering! Registration is currently \$150/person but jumps to \$170/person on September 1st! Registration can be found on dsomaha.org under the "Register for all Divine Shepherd Events Here" button on the homepage.

Confirmation Parent & Youth Meeting Wednesday! A 45-minute Confirmation meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 6pm in the sanctuary. This meeting is for all confirmation students (6th-8th grade) and their parents. Please make plans to attend!



Seniors Outing September 1st
Our first outing of the year is to St Cecelia's Cathedral (701 N 40th St). Meet at church at

11am to carpool to lunch at 11:30 at Sgt Peffers (13760 Millard Ave). Tour of the cathedral to follow. \$2 fee. Ramp is available for entry. Tour is "step free" except for an art collection. Please RSVP to Shirley Asmussen by August 27th. Either email, text or call: shirleymasmussen@gmail.com 402-690-7293



Altar flowers are given to God's glory by Chuck & Bonnie Clark in celebration of their 50th anniversary on August 28th AND by Paul & Ginny Meyer in celebration of 58 years of marriage August 31st.



Women's Canasta card group will meet the last Tuesday of each month, beginning August 31st at 1:00pm in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to know how to play--we will teach you! Call Jan Tieken for more details—402-895-3262.

Chancel Choir at Divine Shepherd is an opportunity to use your musical gifts to glorify God in worship and assist in congregational singing. It also provides fellowship with others in our congregation. The Chancel Choir participates regularly in the traditional worship service and occasionally in modern services. We welcome all ages.(high school-adult) No audition is required and weekly rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:15. We begin our singing year on Wednesday, August 25th, at 6:15. Please come join us. With questions call Betty Buller at 402-490-3668 or email jimandbettybuller@gmail.com.

HEY KIDS, DO YOU LIKE MUSIC? Would you like to join other kids who also like music? Kids in 4th-8th grade are invited to join our Hope Youth Handbell Choir. You do NOT need to know how to read music and no experience is necessary. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 in the Sanctuary starting on September 8. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Judy Newman at 402-676-6607 or cjnewman4@hotmail.com.

Little Lamb Leadership

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, August 30

1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, August 31

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** "*The Power of Forgiveness.*" (Chapel)

1:00pm **Women's Canasta Group** (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 1

9:00am **Women's Bible study** "*Gathered in Faith*"

11:00 **Seniors Outing**

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**

Thursday, September 2

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

Friday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 4

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 5

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)

8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)

9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)

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

- **Owen Everett Burger**, son of Travis & Courtney Burger, baptized this weekend
- **Chuck & Bonnie Clark** celebrate 50 years of marriage August 28th
- **Paul & Ginny Meyer** celebrate 58 years of marriage August 31st

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Steve Jipp**, recovering from COVID
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with severe joint pain
- **Lloyd Gnirk**, recovering from triple bypass surgery
- **Liz Pyatt**, diagnosed with thyroid disease
- **Janine Podany**, recovering from surgery to remove a tumor
- **Bob Dolezal**, recovering from hernia surgery
- **Kathy Stinnett**, complications following knee surgery
- **Kathy Weber**, knee replacement
- **Marty Rowell**, battling spinal problems
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Laura Rogers**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin**

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed
- **Nick Bredenkamp & Jake Ulrich**, deployed
- **Law enforcement personnel, first responders, and front-line medical workers**
- **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

- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**—our partners in Christian education
- **Charles Cohen**, serving in the mission field in Guatemala
- **Rev. Dr. Charles & Connie Cortright**, serving in the mission field in Russia
- **Beth & Nathan Toenjes**, serving as missionaries in Asia
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry