



**Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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**Love God | Share Jesus | Serve People**

***For the Week of March 7, 2021***



## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



### **LOVE OFFERING THIS WEEKEND FOR TEXAS**

Our church is taking part in an effort of area Omaha Lutheran Churches to provide crisis relief to families in a specific town in Texas that have been without water due to the recent crisis across that state. We find out soon what town we will be helping. One of our sister churches in Texas is coordinating this effort.

**How bad is it?** The recent sustained freezing in Texas combined with massive power outages resulted in water purification facilities becoming severely damaged. Water systems that provide drinking water to areas—even whole towns—are compromised. How many? 153 water systems are not able to provide clean water. An additional 226 are not fully operating. We are partnering with Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk to immediately send three water tankers to two of these towns. It will take 6 to 8 weeks to get all these water systems repaired! Also, bottled water and baby formula are being sent.

**Plumbing for homes.** They can't buy plumbing supplies because everything is sold out. We are buying plumbing supplies wholesale and shipping them down with Orphan Grain Train.

All these efforts are being followed up with personalized contact, seeking opportunities to build relationships with as many of the families we are helping in Texas as we can. Plans are

coming together to send some mission teams from Omaha to help repair homes. Let Pastor Mark know if you are interested in helping in this way.

You can place your gift in the plate at the door on the way out of church this weekend or give online by going to our website and clicking the GIVE button. Thanks for your support of this effort!



**Easter Lily and Golden Daffodil** 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.



We are looking for volunteers to help us make palm branch crosses for Palm Sunday's service. No experience needed! We will be meeting on March 24 (8:00pm-9:00pm) in the Chapel and would love to have you join us. Contact [Spencer@DSOmaha.org](mailto:Spencer@DSOmaha.org). Thank you.

**Do you have a prayer request?** Send them to: [prayers@dsomaha.org](mailto:prayers@dsomaha.org) Our staff prays together Wednesday mornings for these requests. Let us know if you want your request

in the weekend worship prayers that are printed in the Heartbeat and/or on our Prayer Chain.



**Jerusalem at Passover** is the title of this year's midweek Lenten series. The early part of each service will take that title quite literally. Each week we will be led by a typical travel agency "tour guide" on an imaginary visit to the Holy City in the year A.D. 30. The "tour guide" will offer historical, cultural and religious commentary on the sights we are seeing, just as such a person might have done almost 2000 years ago, had there been conducted tours then. We will hear many voices, in Reader's Theater style, of a variety of characters in the divine drama that played out in those days "for us and for our salvation. Trish Reinbold has assembled a cast and is directing this dynamic portion of our Wednesday evening services. Here is our Itinerary:

**Fourth Stop** (March 10)

THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST gives us another look at the religious life of the Judean people, especially as it relates to the practical matters of their everyday life. Here we will see the chambers where the SANHEDRIN, a Council of 70 religious Elders, meets to discuss and decide matters of practical religious import, using the ancient sacred Scriptures as their guide. Unfortunately, we will probably not get to see the Council in session, since nighttime meetings are highly irregular.

**Fifth Stop** (March 17)  
THE FORTRESS

**Sixth Stop** (March 24)  
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**Please join us** for these special services each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:15pm. These services will be livestreamed as well. We will be offering an abbreviated version of these services at Noon each Wednesday. The drama will not be included, but Holy Communion will be offered at each of the Noon services.



**Next Weekend's Sermon**  
March 13-14

**Wanted: Dead to Alive**  
*Ephesians 2:1-10*



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

**Sunday mornings: 9:30am**

Women's Bible Study: "Jesus, a Study on the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John" with Dena Nigh downstairs in The Commons. Contact Dena at [jaydena888@cox.net](mailto:jaydena888@cox.net)

**Sunday mornings: 10:45am**

Zoom Adult Bible study on Ephesians with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org)

**Monday mornings: 10:00am**

Women's Bible study on the 10 Commandments called "Love Rules". We are meeting via Zoom. Contact Trish at [trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org)

**Tuesday mornings: 10:00am**

**Colossians: Against the Tide** with Pastor Mark in person in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Mark at [mark@dsomaha.org](mailto:mark@dsomaha.org)

**Wednesday evenings: 6:00-7:00pm**

with Pastor Mark in person in the Gym.  
"Life of Jesus: Miracles"

**Friday mornings: 6:15am**

Men's study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.  
Contact Jason Snell at: [jsnell@rdotc.com](mailto:jsnell@rdotc.com)



**National Youth Gathering Meeting**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Plans are still underway for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering which will be held next July in Houston, Texas! An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45am service for youth and parents. No commitment is required--this will just be an opportunity to learn more about the gathering, estimated cost, planned fund-raisers and ask questions. Current 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be eligible to attend the gathering. Visit [dsomaha.org/nyg](http://dsomaha.org/nyg) for more information and to register for the meeting.



**Altar flowers** are provided by Bret and Gina Williams in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

- Feb 21-Mar 14 Care Kit donations accepted
- Mar 8 Stephen Minister meeting 7:00pm
- Mar 10 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 14 National Youth Gathering Meeting
- Mar 17 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 21 New Member Welcome 9:30 service
- Mar 24 Lenten services 12 & 7:15pm
- Mar 24 Palm branch cross volunteers
- Mar 27 Easter Egg Hunt! 10:00am
- Mar 28 Palm Sunday
- Apr 1 Maundy Thursday services 12 & 7:00
- Apr 2 Good Friday services 12 & 7:00pm
- Apr 3 Traditional Easter worship 5:00pm
- Apr 4 Traditional Easter worship 8:00am
- Apr 4 Modern Easter worship 9:30 & 10:45am

**Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**

are looking to hire substitutes who are available to help care for our kids on an on-call basis. If you love babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and have some day-time availability, we would love to chat about what an on-call position would

look like for you. We are also always looking to hire part-time and full-time staff. If you know of someone (including high school students) who love kids and is looking for a job, please pass along our information. Contact [jennydarr@dsomaha.org](mailto:jennydarr@dsomaha.org) to learn more about working at Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare.



**CALLING ALL KIDS!** Come to an Easter Egg Hunt at Divine Shepherd on Saturday, March 27 at 10 AM. We will plan on hunting eggs outside, but will hide them inside if the weather is uncooperative. Please bring a friend and a basket or bag and meet us in the sanctuary.



**WE NEED EASTER CANDY!** We are in need of candy donations for our Easter eggs. Please consider bringing in individually wrapped candy which is small enough to fit inside a plastic Easter egg. We do NOT need any plastic eggs. Please put your donations in the labeled bin in the Atrium. Thank you!!

**CAN YOU HELP?** Volunteers are needed the day of the Easter Egg Hunt. We will need help hiding eggs, checking kids in at registration and a few other odd jobs. If you are available to help on Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 AM until about noon, please contact Trish at [trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org) or call the church office.



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

- **Bret & Gina Williams** celebrate 25 years of marriage March 9<sup>th</sup>

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Donna Tatreau**, hospitalized, recovering from surgery
- **Claudia Schulte's granddaughter**, recovering from surgery
- **Daren Kizlin's sister, Angie**, recovering from gallbladder surgery
- **Dan & Donna Ring's mother, Norma**, recovering after emergency surgery
- **Donna Rausch-Wilshusen's daughter, Laura**, undergoing cancer treatments
- **Mason Schenk**, hospitalized
- **Jim Wegner**, recovering at Brookstone Village following COVID
- **All those battling cancer:**
  - **Bob Oberhauser**
  - **Sherri Flanagan**
  - **Donna Tatreau**
  - **Lori Gedwillo**
  - **Steve Jipp**
  - **Daren Kizlin**
  - **Jay Shattuck**

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **The family of Ruth Rodgers** at the passing of her mother, Lenora, on February 21<sup>st</sup>
- **The family of Julissa Nesler** at the passing of her grandmother, Juelita, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed
- **Jake Ulrich**, deployed to Iraq
- **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
- **Pastor Bell and our brothers and sisters in Christ in our church plant, GraceHill**
- **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