

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of November 13, 2022

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY NOV. 13

Join us in the Sanctuary this Sunday, November 13 at noon for the 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.

ANGEL TREE - PICK UP GIFT TAGS

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree provides an opportunity to extend the hope of the Gospel to 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. Here are three ways we invite you to participate:

1. GIFTS FOR CHILDREN: November 14 and 21
Follow these 3 easy steps:
 1. Select an Angel Tag of the child you would like to purchase a gift for.
 2. Fill-out a Tracking Card so we make sure all kids are accounted for.
 3. Take a Buyer's Guide, please read the info before buying gifts.

*Return gifts by Sunday, December 4th. **Please do not wrap the gifts.**
2. CAREGIVER GIFT CARDS: We would love to bless the family caregivers with a gift card as appreciation for what they do. Please consider donating \$5 or \$10 gift cards at a place where caregivers could purchase a treat for themselves. You may drop the gift cards off at the church office or on at the Angel Tree table until Dec. 4.
3. GIFT DELIVERY: December 11, 2-4pm
If you would like to help deliver these gifts of love to some very excited kids, please sign-up at the Angel Tree table in the narthex or contact jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

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

WE'RE GOING TO FLORIDA!

This past week it was announced that Divine Shepherd High School Youth are going to South

Florida for our Summer Mission Trip - July 8-16th! Youth currently in the 8th grade and older are welcome to join us. We'll be partnering with a congregation to host Vacation Bible School, do some work projects in the community, and other community outreach projects. The anticipated out-of-pocket cost is \$400/person with online registrations opening Nov. 16 at dsomaha.org/ events. There will be two informational meeting options for those interested in learning more: Sunday, Nov. 20 at noon and Wed., Nov. 30 at 5:15pm. Both meetings will take place in the Youth Room.

ADVENT IN A BOX

Our Advent boxes are designed to be used by families with kids and are available in the Atrium for you to take. It is our hope that using the activities included in the box will help your family prepare for Christmas by having faith conversations at home during the week. Everything you need to complete the activities is in your box including items such as balloons, battery operated candles, bubble wands and so much more! Take a box for your family and one for friends, relatives and neighbors. Grandparents, take a box for your grandkids and their family as well!

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 16 Menu: Soup & Salad Night, Chili and Broccoli & Cheese. Kids: hotdog, chips, and mac & cheese.

GIFT OF STOCK DONATIONS 2022

Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction through stock transfers. Please keep in mind the stock must first be transferred to Divine Shepherd via the Church's brokerage firm before being liquidated. This process can take up to two weeks before it arrives in the church account. If you are planning to make a donation for 2022 via a gift of stock please contact Jennie Smith, Director of Finance and Operations at 402-895-1500 or email jennie@dsomaha.org.

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!

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.

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.

GOURMET GROUP NOVEMBER OUTING

The November outing for the Gourmet Group aka

Divine Tasters will be on November 20 at 6pm at Bravo Italiano in Village Pointe shopping center. We are always welcoming new faces, so if you'd like to join us, please let me know prior to November 16th. Julie Schenk 402-669-7662 or julieaschenk@gmail.com so reservations can be made.

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 and in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

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 14

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

Tuesday, November 15

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 16

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 17

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

Friday, November 18

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

Saturday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 20

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00am **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" (Shepherd's Room)
10:45am **Modern Worship** (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.

WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING

- **Flowers are for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's blessings**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Bob Tieken**, in hospice care
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Dee Dennis**, mother of Chris Dennis, in hospice care
- **Mark Crane**, recovering from surgery
- **Lois Koehler**, for healing
- **Steve Jipp**, for recovering from a fall
- **Bill Seim**, recovering from surgery
- **Corlyn Klug**, for healing
- **Paul Steege**, recovering from cataract surgery
- **Shirley Aken**, healing from knee surgery
- **Les**, brother of Cindy Campbell, for healing
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing
- **Lynda Farris**, recovering from surgery
- **Gary Toelle**, for healing
- **Kynli**, 11-yrs-old, and friend of the Arn family, being treated for leukemia
- **Milan Reick**, for continued recovery

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.