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For the Week of March 5-6, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Rev. Dr. Brent Smith serves as the Executive Development Officer for Lutheran Bible Translators. Millions of people don't have the Bible in a language they understand. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with individuals, organizations, and language communities to put God's Word in their hands. Dr. Smith networks with congregations and individuals and invite all people to be a part of God's story of salvation through the Bible translation movement. He is with us this weekend to share a message from God's Word and to share about the work of LBT. A door offering will be received to support this Bible translation work that many might come to know Jesus as their Savior. LBT is our Ministry of the Month for March.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Starting March 9, Lenten Services will be held at 7:15 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 9, Week 2 - Mercy in Temptation
March 16, Week 3 - Mercy in Suffering
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 4

Wednesdays (March 9, 16, 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. May God bless us during this Lenten season.

THE SILENT AUCTION IS NOW LIVE!

With more than 60 items, gift baskets, and gift certificates there's sure to be something for everyone in the Youth Group Silent Auction, so be sure to look at everything in the Atrium! Items can also be viewed and bid on online by clicking the link on the dsomaha.org homepage or scanning the QR code in the atrium with your smartphone or tablet camera. One added perk of online bidding is you'll be sent an e-mail notification when you've been outbid, making sure that item you have your eye on doesn't get snatched up by someone else! Bids can also be placed on the bid sheets in front of the items. The silent auction will close on Friday, March 11 at 7:30pm during the Comedy Night Fundraiser.

LAST CHANCE FOR COMEDY NIGHT TICKETS

Have you purchased your tickets for the Comedy Night Fundraiser that's happening on Friday? You won't want to miss this laughter-filled evening featuring Omaha's Comedy Dad and fellow Divine Shepherd member, Chris Scheufele! Purchase your tickets TODAY online at dsomaha.org/events or by stopping at the table in the atrium staffed by our youth. Tickets are \$20/person or \$150/table of 8 with a catered pasta meal included. Childcare will also be available for kids 6 months and older. Doors will open at 6pm with dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The silent auction will close at 7:30pm immediately followed by The Comedy Show. Questions? E-mail spencer@dsomaha.org.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will start on Sunday, March 27. The class is for those who do not have a background in our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. This class will meet for six one-hour sessions at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, taking a one-week break on Easter Sunday, April 17, and finishing on May 8.

A separate, one-hour orientation class for members who have recently transferred to Divine Shepherd from other Lutheran congregations will take place as scheduled on Sunday, March 20. The orientation class will be held in the Trinity Center on the lower level at 9:30 a.m. that day, with a welcome ceremony to follow at the 10:45 a.m. service. To inquire about either class, contact Pastor Jim at jim@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.

NEW BIBLE CLASS TOPIC

Why Does God Allow Suffering? That is the title for Pastor Hannemann's Wednesday evening Bible study for the next four weeks of Lent. Bring your Bible and a friend as we see what the Bible has to say about this age-old question. We meet in the Chapel from 6:15-7:05 March 9, 16, 23, & 30. There will be no classes on April 6.

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 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

LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

SUMMER CAMPS! Looking for some care for your child this summer? Check out our Summer Camps for age 3 through first grade, including full and half days! LLPC Summer Camps are open to the public and you can pick and choose weeks that work for your family! New this year: Care for kids having completed Kindergarten and First Grade! Registration is now open! Visit www.dsomaha.org/llpc to register. Questions? Contact Rhonda DeVries (rhonda@dsomaha.org)

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 8:30-11:30 for kids 3 years old through 5th grade

Art Camp: June 6-9 from 8:30-11:30 for upcoming 1st-5th graders

LEGO Camp: June 13-15 from 8:30-11:30 for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Community Camp: July 26-28 from 8:30-11:30 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!

GOURMET GROUP MARCH OUTING

The next outing for the Gourmet Group aka Divine Tasters will be Sunday March 20th at Mouth of the South, 16909 Lakeside Plaza at 6PM. Reservations necessary so, please contact Julie Schenk 402-669-7662 or julieaschenk@gmail.com prior to February 14th.

PICKLEBALL GROUP

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and ping pong. It's one of the fastest growing sports in the country and was created for all ages and skill levels. We're gauging interest in starting a Pickleball program in the Gym on Saturdays, 9am-11am, in hopes of creating an environment that is conducive to building relationships, discipleship and fellowship with our community. Interested in playing pickleball? Contact Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org or call the church office.

Going through a tough time – emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of Divine Shepherd or Grace Hill congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn more talk to Pastor Mark or Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or email Joan at mario87@windstream.net.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH 2022

March 5-6 Lutheran Bible Translators—Rev. Dr. Brent Smith preaching
April Lutheran World Relief School Kits
May Gideons
June New York City Church Planting—

July Pastor Sean Chapman
Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia—Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright
August Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare
September The Garuna Foundation—Schools in Cambodia



Altar flowers for this weekend are given anonymously in thankfulness for our country and all of those who are serving to defend our freedom.

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>

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room)
6:00pm **Comedy Night Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

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 **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

- **For the work of Lutheran Bible Translators**
- **For the reduction in COVID cases**
- **For a wonderful turnout for our Ash Wednesday services**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **George Uden**, for healing
- **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
- **Dave Sizer, Steve's father**, recovering from surgery
- **Jorden**, grandson of Dennis & Cheryl Evans, for medical solutions
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **Judy Moore**, undergoing testing
- **Elizabeth Krichau**, for healing
- **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 David Dierking**, whose mother was called 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 Aaron Grelson, Tina Byrant and Christian Reinbold
- **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