



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of June 26, 2022

PRE-CALL COMMITTEE MEETING INVITATION

The congregation is invited to attend a pre-call meeting with our church body's Nebraska District President, Rev. Richard Snow, on Wednesday June 29th at 6:00pm in the Luther Chapel. He will talk about the divine call, the needs of the congregation, and the work of the whole body of Christ. Please join us on our next step closer to finding our next senior pastor. Your servant in Christ, Jason Snell Call Committee Chair

JULY 3 SUNDAY PANCAKE FEED

The elder flippin' pancake feed is back! The elders are pulling out their aprons and spatulas to cook breakfast for you and your family on Sunday, July 3 from 9am to 11am in the gym. A free will offering will be collected for the Helping Hands Fund.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS MEMBERS OF DIVINE SHEPHERD! Thank you for your prayers, your volunteer time, your donations and the items you allowed us to borrow to make our Vacation Bible School so successful! We had 175+ kids and 60+ volunteers join us for a week of Monumental VBS where we celebrated God's greatness. Kids sang praises to God, watched skits, did science experiments, watched videos about kids who trust God, ate amazing snacks, listened and interacted with Bible stories, played games and so much more. They shared with each other how they saw God at work and learned about the amazing love God has for each of them. Please continue to pray for these kiddos and their families that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow the seeds which were planted during VBS week which YOU helped make possible.

DSLCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD) MEETING 6-21-22 RECAP:

- Key Performance Indicators—Membership has grown slightly while in-person attendance is materially higher than a year ago. Combined operating income is measurably above the budget (+\$222,000) and ahead of last year. The favorable financial position has been augmented by ~\$150,000 in governmental grants and funding (child-care related). The Seeds of Hope reserve can defray 42 months of bank loan payments.
- Little Lamb-Operating income is well-above budget, and the childcare enrollment is near capacity. A third toddler room will be added (we have a waiting list for the room). Fall enrollment is positive.
- Sr. Pastor Call Committee-The committee is preparing for a meeting with District President Snow on June 29th.
- Strategic Planning-Two strategic planning meeting sessions were conducted this month by an outside facilitator. Two teams (consisting of members from the BoD, BoE, Call Committee, and staff) were established to identify potential initiatives (e.g. small group ministry) and implementation strategies.
- Giles Property Salem-The BoD approved an extension of the purchase agreement inspection period for another 120 days in light of the fact that the buyers are working with the Gretna Planning Department regarding a development plan for the property. The original development plan with Sarpy County is now subject to review by the City of Gretna (annexation). Several buildings on the property have been vandalized. Soybeans have been planted on the farm-ground. Given purchase agreement extension, the BoD also

approved an extension of the maturity of the bank loan until year-end.

- Facility Management—The BoD approved several necessary maintenance expenditures. Most of the funding will be defrayed by the Capital Reserve Fund. Given the age of the facilities, Jennie and the BoD have been intentional and proactive in addressing maintenance issues.

Praise the Lord for our Blessings! *Stuart Bartruff, Congregational President*

YOUTH GATHERING DRIVE

We're less than one month away from the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, where 44 Divine Shepherd Youth and Adult Leaders will join nearly 20,000 other attendees to worship, serve, and grow in the Christian faith! In the atrium is a donation board of non-perishable snacks, drinks and other miscellaneous items for the trip. Each donation card includes a photo of the item(s), an approximate cost, and where the item can be purchased to make it as convenient as possible. Items should be returned to the church by Sunday, July 3. Financial donations are also accepted and can be placed in the donation container on the table in the Atrium. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our Youth Ministry here at Divine Shepherd! Questions can be directed to spencer@dsomaha.org.

YOUTH GATHERING PRAYER PARTNERS

Would you please specifically pray for a youth or adult Leader going to the National Youth Gathering? On the display board in the Atrium are prayer cards. Simply take one and pray for them as they prepare to go to Houston, but also during the Gathering (July 7-14). Ask that God would keep them safe and they may grow closer to Him each day. After you take a youth/adult leader to pray for, write your name next to the youth/adult leader name on the paper on the table to help us keep track of who's praying for who!

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Watch for an announcement about our August 3 meeting. At this time, we will not plan a tour to Humboldt, but will try again for another time. Questions? Feel free to call Clarice Howard 402-934-7237.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for our Family Movie Night, showing "Incredibles," on Saturday, July 16 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.

MID-SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You scream, we scream, we all scream for ice cream! Join us for some mid-summer fellowship as we enjoy a cool treat together on Sunday, July 17, 6pm-8pm in the Gym. We'll provide the ice cream and toppings, you bring the fun!

CANASTA CARD CLUB will meet Tuesday, June 28 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Chapel.

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](mailto:Spencer@dsomaha.org).

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!

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** for June 26 are provided by Bill and Julie Schenk in celebration of their 56th anniversary on June 25th.

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, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 28

1:00pm **Canasta Card Club** (Luther Chapel)

6:00pm **Pre-Call Committee Meeting** (Luther Chapel)

Wednesday, June 29

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

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

Saturday, July 2

9:00am **Pickleball** (Gym)

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

Sunday, July 3

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

9am-11:00am **Pancake Feed** (Gym)

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

10:45am **Modern Worship** (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

- **Bill & Julie Schenk**, celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on June 25

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Karen Boorum**, mother of Tonya Isaac, recovering from a fall
- **Kathy Loschen**, in rehab at Brookestone Village
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing from a fall that fractured a kneecap
- **Brianna**, granddaughter of Dave & Jan Nelson
- **Cheryl Evans**, for positive outcome from chemo for leukemia
- **Kathy Stinnett**, recovering from surgery
- **Scott Jones**, hospitalized for 4 months
- **David Ward**, father of Jennie Mason, recovering from pacemaker placement
- **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 Craig Steege**, brother of Paul, who went home to the Lord
- **The family of Ellen Thompson**, mother of Jason Snell, called home to the Lord June 16

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