



# HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## For the Week of September 4, 2022

### NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Join us next **Sunday, September 11 from 11am to 1pm** at the green space immediately west of Divine Shepherd near the Pheasant Run signs at Blackwell Drive and Q Street. Join us for some food, along with bounce houses, bingo with prizes, and games for the kids and more! Hamburger and hot dog meals will be served. A free-will offering will help us offset costs. *In case of inclement weather, the party will be held in the lower level of Divine Shepherd.*

### NO 10:45AM SERVICE on SEPT. 11.

**To allow everyone to attend, there will not be a 10:45am service next Sunday.**

### MIDWEEK – PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR YOUTH!

Our Wednesday night Midweek Connection program starts THIS WEEK! Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 7 from 6:15 to 7:30pm and plan on joining us for fellowship and education. **Please register all children and youth, ages Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.** To sign your child(ren) up for Midweek classes or Confirmation classes visit [www.dsomaha.org/events](http://www.dsomaha.org/events).

### MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

5:15 - 6:05pm Meal in the gym  
6:15 - 6:25pm Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)  
6:30 - 7:30pm Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies

### MIDWEEK CLASS OFFERINGS

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

- Adult Bible Study – *"Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians* with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)
- Parenting Bible Study – *Sexuality Mentality: Creating a Culture of Biblical Integrity* with Sally Vandeberghe (Shepherd's Room)
- Women's Bible Study – *Joy, A Study of Philippians* with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)
- Men's Bible Study – *A Biblical Take on Current Events* with Ken Mar & Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)
- The Nursery will be available for children who can sit up by themselves, about 6 months through 2 years old.

### MIDWEEK MEALS

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal before Midweek served from 5:15 to 6:05pm. Meals will be \$5 for adults and kids 10 and under are free. You do not need to sign up in advance for the meal.

### September 7 Menu:

- Sloppy Joes, chips, fruit & nut romaine salad, and dessert
- Kids' menu: Hot dog, mac & cheese

### SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Last week was Sign-Up Sunday, but you can still sign up! You are invited to participate in the life of Divine Shepherd. The church is so much more than a building or something we do on Sunday mornings. It's a community, a family in Christ. There is something for everyone!

If you missed last week, please visit the table in the Atrium and fill out one card for each member in your household, including children, and return the form. 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 church staff in the Atrium between services to learn more.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will start on Sunday, Sept. 18. 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 seven one-hour sessions at 9:30am Sunday mornings in the Trinity Center on the lower level. The final session on Oct. 30 will be an orientation to the many opportunities to get involved at Divine Shepherd. That session will also include those members who have recently transferred to Divine Shepherd from other Lutheran congregations.

A welcome ceremony for new members will be held on Oct. 30 at the 10:45am service. To enroll in or inquire about the class, contact Pastor Jim at [jim@dsomaha.org](mailto:jim@dsomaha.org) or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

Handbell Choir will be starting Wednesday, September 14 from 7:45 to 8:45pm. Anyone interested should be high school age or older. No experience is necessary! (Being able to read music is helpful but not required.) Please fill out this Google Form to sign up! <https://forms.gle/wp1AKpeq6Rfr2PAV9> Any questions, contact Angie Miller at [sahm.miller2@gmail.com](mailto:sahm.miller2@gmail.com) or 402-206-3071.

## **TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Doug Morton will be teaching "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11:15am in Luther Chapel. This class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Please join us and grow in your faith through the Word of God!

## **DIVINE SHEPHERD IS HIRING**

**Nursery Worker** - Divine Shepherd is hiring one or more part-time Nursery workers. Workers are needed on Sunday mornings during the 9:30am and 10:45am services and perhaps on Wednesday evenings for Midweek. Applicants must be 16 years old and be able to care for babies and young children.

**Custodian** - Divine Shepherd is hiring a part-time custodian. Applicants need to be available three afternoons/early evenings a week for a

total of 10-15 hours. Duties include general cleaning in bathrooms, classrooms and hallways. **Little Lamb Infant & Toddler Teachers & 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 info to them.

For more information on any open positions, please contact Jennie Smith at 402-630-3344 or via email [jennie@dsomaha.org](mailto:jennie@dsomaha.org)

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING REMINDER**

Monday, September 12, 7pm in the Chapel. We're looking forward to seeing our Stephen's Ministry Team after our summer break.

## **GOURMET GROUP SEPTEMBER OUTING**

Divine Shepherd's Gourmet group, aka Divine Tasters, will begin meeting again in September. The first outing will be to Primo's Modern Mexican, 5914 Center St., at 6pm on September 18th. Reservations need to be made, so please contact [julieaschenk@gmail.com](mailto:julieaschenk@gmail.com) or 402-669-7662. We welcome new faces, so please join us.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR UPDATE**

The Chancel Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on September 7 and will continue to meet in the choir room downstairs each Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30pm. The Chancel Choir sings nearly every Sunday at the 8:00am service. It is so awesome to sing praises to our awesome God! Contact Betty Buller at [jjmandbettybuller@gmail.com](mailto:jjmandbettybuller@gmail.com) or 402-490-3668 with questions.

**SENIORS FOR THE LORD** Join the Seniors for a tour of the Capitol in Lincoln, Wednesday, September 7th. We will meet at church for devotions and to carpool at 8:30am. Lunch to follow at Da Vinci's. RSVP by phone or text to Shirley Asmussen 402-690-7293. ANYONE is welcome to join us.

**THANK YOU** for your kind words of comfort to our family and for the memorials in honor of Charles. - The Family of Rev. Charles A. Gierke



**Altar flowers** are given in celebration and thanksgiving to God for many years of marriage by these

couples: **Paul and Lois Koehler** celebrating 50 years this weekend, by **Leon and Bette Bilau** celebrating 48 years on Sept. 6, and by **Bob and Jan Tieken** celebrating 63 years on Sept. 6.

### **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>

**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, September 5

*Labor Day – Church Office is Closed*

## Tuesday, September 6

## Wednesday, September 7

8:30am **Seniors for the Lord** (Chapel)  
5:15-6:05pm **Midweek Meal** (Gym)  
6:15pm **Midweek Connections Opening** (Sanctuary)  
6:30-7:30pm **Midweek Connections Classes**  
6:30pm **Chancel Choir Practice** (Choir Room)

## Thursday, September 8

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

## Friday, September 9

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

## Saturday, September 10

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

## Sunday, September 11

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion  
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)  
11:00am **Neighborhood Block Party**



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

- **Rachel Bailor and Kevin Griggs**, being united in marriage
- **Paul and Lois Koehler**, celebrating 50 years of marriage this weekend
- **Leon and Bette Bilau**, celebrating 48 years of marriage on September 6
- **Bob and Jan Tieken**, celebrating 63 years of marriage on September 6

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Dan Ring**, for healing
- **Sis Bressman**, recovering from a car accident at home
- **Tegan**, a relative of Ellen Schwartz, hospitalized after a motorcycle accident
- **Karen Wall**, for continued healing after hip surgery
- **Susan Cruz**, cousin of Dels Hein, for healing and recovery
- **Jason Greene**, brother of Shannon Greene, for continued healing
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Mitch Reick**, son of Milan and Marie Reick, for healing
- **Bill Seim**, for continued healing
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Bev Major**, for healing
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **All those battling cancer: Susan Gady, Teresa, Frauke, Terri Reed, Cheryl Evans, Deb Lamb, 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, Daren Kizlin and his sister Angie**

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

- **For the family of Donald Bouchard III**, son of JR and Brenda Woltemath, as Donnie went home to be with the Lord on August 22

### 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