

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of April 4, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Concordia University Nebraska A Cappella Choir
in concert at Divine Shepherd April 16, 7pm

The University A Cappella Choir from Concordia University, Nebraska, will perform at Divine Shepherd Friday, April 16 at 7pm in the sanctuary. "The A Cappella Choir strives to perform music at a high artistic level – music which inspires, instructs and entertains the listener," said Dr. Kurt E. von Kampen, conductor. "But the mission of the choir goes beyond mere artistry. The University A Cappella Choir exists to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in song and to honor God with the musical talents the students have been given."

Mark your calendar and join us for an inspiring evening of sacred music that will add joy to your Easter season!



Easter Flower Dedications

Please pick up a dedication list in the Atrium for all the flowers that were provided this weekend. The list also went out in this week's E-newsletter.

Thank you so much, members of Divine Shepherd, for all your donations and help during the Easter Egg Hunt. The donations of candy

kept pouring in - THANK YOU! The people who helped stuff the almost 5,000 eggs - THANK YOU! The volunteers who came before the hunt and stayed for the morning to help - THANK YOU! 170 kids came to hunt eggs, eat candy and hear the story of the very first Easter. God is good!



Safety Team Members Needed

A Safety Team has formed to provide safety, security, and medical response to emergency situations at the church. If you have security or medical training (nurse, EMT, etc.) or would like more information about how you can be a part of this team, please contact Matt Mundt at mmundt@cox.net



From Left to Right: Tim Vandeberghe, Jim Buller, Greg Beals, Stacy Gibbons, Steve Gedwillo, Sally Vandeberghe, Heidi Brink, Trish Reinbold, Alan Eschmann, Andy Holdt

Thank You to Drama Team

A sincere word of thanks to our Lenten Drama Team under the direction of Trish Reinbold, our Director of Children's Ministry, for leading us on a tour of Jerusalem at Passover each Wednesday evening during Lent. If you missed any of these services, go to our website and click Watch and navigate to the Wednesday of your choice. Thank you, drama team, for providing such a meaningful and powerful review of the events in Jerusalem around the passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Orphan Grain Train †

A sincere thank you to all those who participated in the love offering for Texas Disaster Relief a few weeks ago. A total of \$5,112.64 was raised to provide help for communities in Texas that were hard hit by the winter cold snap that left countless residents in many communities without water and with major plumbing problems. Your generous donations will speed fresh water and supplies to those in need. Thank you again for your generosity and compassion. This is one of the largest love offerings we have ever had.



Next Weekend's Sermon April 10/11

What Does the Resurrection Mean for Me?

1 John 1:1-2:2



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

Sunday mornings: 9:30am

Women's Bible Study: "**Exploring God's Word: Old Testament**" with Dena Nigh downstairs in The Commons. Contact Dena at jaydena888@cox.net

Sunday mornings: 10:45am

Zoom Adult Bible study on Ephesians with Pastor Doug Morton. Contact Spencer at spencer@dsomaha.org

Monday mornings: 10:00am

Women's Bible study on the 10 Commandments called "Love Rules". We are meeting in-person (Trinity Room) AND via Zoom. Contact Trish at 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. Class will resume April 6 in the Chapel.

Friday mornings: 6:15am

Men's study on 1st Corinthians.
Contact Jason Snell at: jsnell@rdotc.com



Confirmation services, in order to accommodate all of our families, will be held on Saturday, April 17th during the 5pm service and on Sunday, April 18th during the 8am and 10:45am services.



Altar flowers are given by Greg and Melanie Doeschot and family, in thankfulness for Easter.



Thank You! Divine Shepherd has received a new refrigerator for the use of our Altar Guild from an anonymous donor--it's a true blessing! A huge "Thank you" from the entire Altar Guild and Divine Shepherd.



Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is 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 to learn more about working at Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare.



Little Lamb is hosting a Spring Fundraiser to raise funds for the following needed equipment:

- Infant and Toddler outdoor play equipment
- Outdoor Playground Sun Shade
- Tricycles for the Gym
- Toddler Indoor Jungle Gym

Please support Little Lamb by selecting an envelope with the amount of your choosing from the envelope wall in the atrium and place your donation in the envelope and basket provided or go directly to [dsomaha.org/give](https://www.dsomaha.org/give) and select Little Lamb Spring Fundraiser and enter a donation amount of your choice. If you have questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact: jennydarr@dsomaha.org

LCMS Foundation

Today | Tomorrow | Forever

Why do I need an estate plan? Even as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus today, we also know that His victory is so sweet because it gives eternal life even as our present lives here on earth are finite. An estate plan, and the gift plan that designs how God's gifts will be distributed to the family you love and the ministries you care about, begins with a face-to-face confrontation with end-of-life issues. Yet end of life is not really accurate for the child of God. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and life...whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die, forever." Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can encourage you. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfn.org

Do you have a prayer request? Send them to: 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.

The 2021 Altar Flowers Calendar has been posted on the wall near the office door. Please sign your name and phone number. Bouquets are \$20 each--payment can be made by placing the money in a yellow pew envelope, marking it clearly FLOWERS and placing it in the basket collection plate, drop it off at the Church office.

Important Dates for your Calendar

Apr 16	A Cappella Choir performance
Apr 17	8 th Grade Confirmation 5:00pm
Apr 18	8 th Grade Confirmation 8 & 10:45am

To reach the church staff:

Telephone: 402-895-1500

To E-mail Staff Members:

First_name@dsomaha.org



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 resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead and the victory he shares with us.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Adam & Tami Kusleika**, prayers for mother Pat, as she struggles with nerve damage
- **Charlie Lynch**, recovering from a heart procedure
- **Dave & Jan Nelson**, prayers for granddaughter Brianna
- **Brooke Williams**, comfort from back pain
- **Steve Jipp**, recovering from surgery
- **Donna Tatreau**, surgery
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin**
 - **Jay Shattuck**

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