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For the Week of April 3, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FINAL MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Our final Midweek Lenten Service will be held at **7:00pm** in the sanctuary on April 6. Please join us for this 45-minute service with your family. This service will be live-streamed and then posted for viewing any time.

Lenten/Holy Week Themes

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

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 the Atrium.

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)

- 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

SCHOOL KIT PACKING PARTY

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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Holy Thursday (April 14)

7:00pm with Holy Communion

- Good Friday (April 15)

7:00pm Traditional Service of Darkness

- Holy Saturday (April 16)

5:00pm Traditional Easter Service with Communion

Easter Sunday (April 17)

- 6:30am Youth-Led Sunrise Communion Service

- 8:00am Traditional Easter Worship with Communion

- 9:30am & 10:45am Modern Easter Worship with Communion

HELP FILLING EASTER EGGS

Can YOU help fill Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt? We will be filling eggs TWO different times. Monday, April 4 from 6:30-8:00pm and Thursday, April 7 from 6:30-8:00pm. We have plastic eggs and candy. All we need is YOU! We will meet in the Trinity Center and play a kid-friendly movie while we fill eggs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Come hold babies!

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is looking for some gentle hands and caring hearts to love on

our Littlest Lambs. We will have sixteen babies in two infant rooms in our care! You may choose the day and the amount of time to volunteer to rock, feed and snuggle babies each week. Please contact Tonya@dsomaha.org or 402-714-3950. Thank you!!



EASTER LILY and mum plants will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Worship Services. If you would like to purchase a plant or plants in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc., please complete the order form at the table in the Atrium and enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd. Please return it to the Church Office, place in the offering or in the basket provided. You will be notified when you can take your plants home. Orders must be in by Wednesday, April 13.

NEEDED TO FOLD PALM CROSSES

Volunteers are needed to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday this year. Those interested can contact Patty Reed at pattyreedsizer@gmail.com.

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!

SUPPORT UKRAINE THROUGH ORPHAN

GRAIN TRAIN Orphan Grain Train is working with agencies in Moldova, Poland, & Romania to provide relief for the Ukrainian victims, especially women & children fleeing. They are urgently in need of monetary donations to purchase hygiene items, non-perishable food items, bedding, diapers, powder detergent, powder formula, medical trauma kits, new socks & new underwear. They urgently need monetary donations to cover the costs of shipping & air freight. If you would like to learn more or donate towards Ukrainian Relief Efforts through Orphan Grain Train, please visit the link below: <https://www.ogt.org/relief-for-ukrainian-people/>

PICKLEBALL GROUP

The pickleball group will be meeting Saturdays, 9:30 - 11:30am at the Divine Shepherd gym. Interested? You can simply show up, learn the game, and play! Extra equipment is available to use. Questions? Email Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

Have you heard of The Chosen - the largest crowdfunded media project in history? It is a free streaming television series on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Seasons 1 and 2 have been viewed over 160 million times. Divine Shepherd is offering a Bible study on Season 1 of The Chosen starting this spring. This study will meet on Thursday evenings starting on May 5 from 6-8 pm. The first part of the study will be watching an episode, so please feel free to bring your dinner with you and eat while we watch. Kevin and Trish Reinbold will be facilitating this study. If you would like them to order a book for you (about \$20), please let them know by Wednesday, April 20. Otherwise, you can purchase your own book at watch.angelstudios.com where you can also find more information on The Chosen. If you would like to attend this study and need childcare, please let Trish know so that Nursery workers can be arranged. No need to sign up ahead of time, just join us in the Chapel on May 5 at 6 pm. If you have questions, please see Kevin (kevin@dsomaha.org) or Trish (trish@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 8:30-11:30am for kids 3 years old through 5th grade

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

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

Community Camp: July 26-28 from 8:30-11:30am for upcoming 1st-5th graders

Questions? See Trish. For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit dsomaha.org.

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!

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Everyone going on the ARK ENCOUNTER trip: We will have an informational meeting on **April 6, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Luther Chapel. It is important that all who are able attend or have a representative.



Altar flowers are provided by Al and Kirsten Jimerson in honor of the 50th anniversary of Tom and Karen Lundquist on April 8.

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, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

10:00am **Ark Encounter meeting** (Chapel)
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
6:15-7:05pm **NO Midweek Connection Classes or Bible Studies**
7:00pm **Lenten Worship Service**

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

9:30am **Pickleball**
5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 10

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 **New Member Class**
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 Tom & Karen Lundquist's 50th anniversary on April 8**

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug, in hospice care
- **Michelle Connors**, daughter of Sherry & Brian Pickett, for safety for her and baby with at-risk pregnancy
- **Janine Podany**, for healing and relief from pain
- **Nate Moquin**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Takado Moquin**, for healing from infection
- **Lakenn Mendlik**, for healing of fractured foot
- **Millie Zielinski**, for healing of leg
- **Gary Toelle**, recovering in rehab
- **Brianna**, granddaughter of Dave Nelson
- **Donna Wilshusen**, for recovery
- **Thiry Kern**, for healing from heart procedure
- **George Uden**, for healing of broken hip
- **Marlin Mundt**, father of Matt, hospitalized in Norfolk
- **Ken Van Hulle**, in hospice care
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery in rehab
- **All those battling cancer: 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 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, Christian Reinbold and Dan Lazinek
- **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

- **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