



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of August 14, 2022

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Divine Shepherd is partnering with the Pheasant Run homeowners association to host a Neighborhood Block Party on **Sunday, September 11 from 11am to 1pm** at the green space immediately west of Divine Shepherd near the Pheasant Run signs at Blackwell Dr. and Q Street. This outreach event is an opportunity to connect with the community around us. Join us for some food, along with bounce houses, bingo with prizes, and games for the kids and more! This event is open to the public and YOU are invited! **Note: To allow everyone to attend, there will not be a 10:45am service that day.**

Can you help with our Block Party?

- **Volunteer** - This event provides a great way to be missional to our neighbors and get to know other Divine Shepherd members! We need help setting up for the event, running Bingo, face painting, serving food, and cleaning up. Go to our website at dsomaha.org and look for the sign-up page to help with a shift. You can also Jenny Darr (jennydarr@dsomaha.org) with any questions or to sign up to help.
- **Apply for a Thrivent Gift Card** Thrivent members, can you help contribute to our Neighborhood Block Party by applying for a Thrivent gift card? We are hoping Thrivent gift cards can help cover some of the costs of food, promotional items, games, and party supplies. Please contact Spencer Owen (spencer@dsomaha.org) if you can apply for a gift card. He will give you instructions on how and for what to apply. Thanks!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

From the Pastoral Call Committee:
Finalized Call documents are being submitted to the district office which includes the congregational self study results, pastoral job

description, and a list of the nominated pastors with the required Master of Divinity Degree. After district review and approval, we'll begin reviewing pastor biographies, reaching out to find those that are open to a Divine Call, and to schedule interviews. As always, your continued prayers are needed and appreciated greatly!

Your Servant, Jason Snell, Committee Chair

MIDWEEK - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Our Wednesday night Midweek Connection program is about to start up again! Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 7 from 6:15-7:30pm and plan on joining us for fellowship and education. We will have a place for everyone from 6 months old through adults. The Nursery will be available for young children from 6 months through 2 years old. We will have Bible education classes for kids from 3 years old through 5th grade, Confirmation classes for Middle Schoolers in 6th-8th grades, High School Youth Group for high school students as well as several adult Bible study options. More details about specific Bible study topics are coming! If you or someone you know would like to head up preparing a meal to be served from 5:00-6:00pm, please let us know. To sign your child(ren) up for Midweek classes or Confirmation classes, visit our website at www.dsomaha.org/events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Spencer and Trish are looking for volunteers to help with Midweek this fall. Volunteers are needed to help with Midweek lessons for kids from 3 years old through 8th grade. Can you help with the faith formation of the kids in our church? For more information, contact Spencer (if you are interested in helping out with 6th-8th graders) or Trish (if you are interested in helping with kids in preschool through 5th grades). For the safety of our kids, background checks will be done on all volunteers.

DIVINE SHEPHERD IS HIRING

Office Coordinator - Divine Shepherd is seeking candidates for a FT position that will assist the Director of Finance and Operations and Ministry Staff in daily church office coordination duties. Hours will be Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-1:00pm.

Midweek Meal Cook - Divine Shepherd is seeking applicants for a PT position that will plan, prepare and serve meals on Wednesdays prior to Midweek activities beginning this fall.

Custodian - Divine Shepherd is hiring a PT custodian. Applicants need to be available 3 afternoons/early evenings a week for a total of 10-15 hours. Duties include general cleaning in bathrooms, classroom and hallways.

Little Lamb Infant & Toddler Teachers &

Assistants - Little Lamb is hiring PT and FT 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.

THANK THE LORD with Divine Shepherd and Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare! We're expanding! Little Lamb is currently at capacity in almost all classrooms. We'll soon be using the Divine Shepherd Nursery Monday through Friday as a Toddler classroom so that childcare can be provided for 12 toddlers currently on a waiting list. Please pray for our Lord to provide staff to care for these future Little Lambs!

HANDBELL CHOIR POTLUCK

Would you like to find out what handbell choir is all about? Do you already know how to play handbells? If so, you're in luck! We have openings in the Divine Shepherd Ceaseless Praise Handbell Choir! Anyone interested should be high school age or older, but no experience is necessary! (Being able to read music is helpful but not required!) To learn more, contact Angie Miller at sahm.miller2@gmail.com or 402-206-3071. We are having a "Get to Know You" potluck gathering in the church's Trinity Center on Saturday, August 20th at 6:00pm. Bring your family & come join in on the fun!

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 or 402-895-1500, ext. 217.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD Tour of the Capital 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.



Altar flowers are given to God's glory by Steve and Suzanne Stamp, celebrating 47 years of marriage on August 16, and by Sherwin and Betty Terrill celebrating 60 years of marriage on August 17.

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. Thank you.

**E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP
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This Week's Calendar

Monday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 16

Wednesday, August 17

6:15pm **Women's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room)

Thursday, August 18

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

Friday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 20

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

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

6:00pm **Handbell Choir Potluck** (Trinity Center)

Sunday, August 21

8:00am **Traditional Service**

8:45-11:00am **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)

9:30am **Kids Church** (Chapel)

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

9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture

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

- **Howard and Kathy Engberg**, celebrating 57 years of marriage on August 14
- **Steve and Suzanne Stamp**, celebrating 47 years of marriage on August 16
- **Sherwin and Betty Terrill**, celebrating 60 years of marriage on August 17

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Jason Greene**, brother of Shannon Greene, has been hospitalized
- **Jenny Mosher**, for healing and pain relief
- **Martin Mueller**, for healing
- **Cyndee Earl**, for recovery from knee replacement surgery
- **Jeff Porter**, for recovery from hip surgery
- **Matt Mundt**, for recovery from shoulder surgery
- **Mitch Reick**, son of Milan and Marie Reick, undergoing treatment at Mayo Clinic
- **Bill Seim**, for regaining strength
- **Patricia Siedelmann**, for healing
- **Bev Major**, for healing
- **Kathy Loschen**, in rehab at Brookestone Village
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Scott Jones**, in rehab after 4 months in the hospital
- **All those battling cancer: 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 Pastor Charles Gierke**, who went home to the Lord on August 4
- **For the family of Eleanor Pawluk**, mother of Linda Raabe, as Eleanor went home to the Lord on August 6

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

