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***For the Week of May 22, 2022***

**NEEDED: VBS SUPPLIES** We already have over 100 kiddos signed up to come to our Vacation Bible School June 20-24! We need MANY supplies to help make this VBS run smoothly and effectively. Please check out the VBS Donation Wall in the Atrium. If you see something you can lend or donate, please take the sheet from the wall, attach it to the needed item and return in on the date listed on the sheet. Please bring the requested item(s) WITH THE PAPER ATTACHED TO THE ITEM. Be sure to put your contact information down on the paper, especially if we are borrowing something from you which you would like returned. Thank you so much for helping to make this year's VBS a wonderful time. Questions? See Trish.

#### **SENIOR BLESSING ON JUNE 12!**

Congratulations High School Graduates! We are so proud of what you've accomplished and want to recognize you on Sunday, June 12! The Youth will be hosting a continental breakfast for you and your family starting at 8:15am in the gym. Then you're welcome to join us for the 9:30am service, where we'll have a special prayer and blessing for all God has planned for your future. Please signup online at [dsomaha.org/summer](https://dsomaha.org/summer) to be included in this special recognition. Questions can be directed to [spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:spencer@dsomaha.org). Please signup by June 7.

#### **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH – THE GIDEONS**

Thank you for the generous door offering of \$2,018 given to support the work of The Gideons. The offering amount will provide over 1,400 copies of the New Testament and will help to spread God's Word around the world. You can still donate to The Gideons online through the end of May.

#### **LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE**

**UPDATE** Little Lamb is excited to announce that they are currently at capacity with 125 children enrolled! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry as we bring Jesus to as many children as possible by providing Christ-centered education and care. Please pray that God would continue to send additional staff so we can open more rooms and care for even more children.

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?** Thousands of kids have been positively impacted because someone shared the love of Jesus with them at a Vacation Bible School. Could you be the one God uses to make a difference in a child's life? Divine Shepherd's VBS will be held during the mornings of June 20-24, 8:30-11:30am. Can you share a smile and the love of Jesus with children during those 5 mornings? Please contact Trish with questions or to let her know you would like to volunteer. Call her in the church office or email her at [trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org).

#### **DSLCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (5-17-22) 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 (+\$208,000) and ahead of last year. The favorable financial position has been augmented by ~\$150,000 in governmental grants and funding. The Seeds of Hope reserve can defray 43 months of bank loan payments.

**- Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**—Operating income is well-above budget, and the childcare enrollment is at capacity.

**- Sr. Pastor Call Committee**—The committee is preparing the Senior Pastor position description and a desired candidate profile. Congregational survey results were

reviewed and incorporated into the candidate profile. A self-study for the District is being finalized. The committee is anticipating a meeting with District President Snow in the near future.

**- Strategic Planning**—The Board will begin to review the responses from the Know Your Church survey and will discuss intentional strategic initiatives in preparation for the next Senior Pastor.

**- Giles Property Sale**—The buyer due-diligence process is progressing and we will be meeting with the buyers in the near future.

**- NE LCMS District Convention**—A list of the nominations for the various District positions and representations was reviewed. Stuart Bartruff will serve as the DSLC lay-delegate at the June convention. Pastor Jim will be the pastoral delegate for DSLC.

**- Ministry Partner Presentation**—Spencer Owen, Director of Youth Ministry, presented a report on the youth ministry activities.

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

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY MULTIPLIES MINISTRY**

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves.

Stephen Ministry provides a biblical solution – equipping God’s people for ministry. Gifted lay people who have received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care extend the care that pastors continue to provide.

Stephen Ministers reach out with God’s love to people who are hurting – both congregation members and nonmembers alike.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the care of a Stephen minister, please text or phone Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or email to [marjoa87@gmail.com](mailto:marjoa87@gmail.com), with questions. You may also call the church office 402-895-1500.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Read to Toddlers!**

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is looking for some gentle hands and caring hearts to love on our Little Lambs. We care for 24 toddlers in two rooms! You may choose the day and the amount

of time to volunteer to read, build towers, or play each week. Please contact [Tonya@dsomaha.org](mailto:Tonya@dsomaha.org) or 402-714-3950. Thank you!!

### **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](http://dsomaha.org/summer). Pay close attention as these events have varying signup deadlines! Have Questions? [E-mail Spencer@dsomaha.org](mailto:E-mail_Spencer@dsomaha.org).

**MS & HS: Urban Plunge, Des Moines** | June 3-5. An opportunity to serve and put your faith into action!

**HS: Senior Blessing & Recognition** | June 12, 8:15-10:30am. Breakfast hosted by the youth with a special blessing during the 9:30am service.

**MS & HS: Worlds of Fun in KC** | June 13. Spend the day riding rides and going down water slides!

**HS: Paintball @ MadCow Paintball** | June 26, 12:15-4pm.

**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!**

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

For more details and to register for VBS and Summer Camps, please visit [dsomaha.org](http://dsomaha.org) or contact Trish ([trish@dsomaha.org](mailto:trish@dsomaha.org)).

## **PICKLEBALL CANCELLED ON MAY 28**

The Pickleball Group will not meet on Saturday, May 28, due to Memorial Day weekend.

We welcome any newbies and friends to come play pickleball on Saturdays, 9am-11am, in the gym.

**Just a reminder** – the church office will be closed Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day

## **DIVINE PIECERS SUMMER BREAK**

The Divine Piecers will be pausing after our meeting on Tuesday, May 31. We will be taking the summer off to enjoy family activities. Our group will gather again after Labor Day in September. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping us make quilts for the less fortunate.



**Altar flowers** are given in celebration of Andy and Audrey Sanders' 18th wedding anniversary in Christ.

## **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>

## **E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG**

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# This Week's Calendar

## Monday, May 23

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

## Tuesday, May 24

1:00pm **Quilting Ministry** (Chapel)

## Wednesday, May 25

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**  
6:15pm **Women's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room) – Joy: A Study of Philipians

## Thursday, May 26

6:00pm **"The Chosen" Bible study** (Chapel)  
7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

## Friday, May 27

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

## Saturday, May 28

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

## Sunday, May 29

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) with Holy Communion  
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture  
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion



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

- **Jude Lee Lautenschlager**, child of Jon & Amie Lautenschlager, and **Barrett Ramsay Younglove**, child of Steven & Amber Younglove, baptized this weekend
- **Andy and Audrey Sanders** celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Christ

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Bud Burch**, in rehab at Madonna following surgery
- **Jane Upton**, recovering from stroke
- **David Ward**, father of Jennie Mason, recovering from pacemaker placement
- **Scott Jones**, hospitalized for 2 months
- **Sophia Hart**, recovering from illness
- **Paul Steege**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Gary Krichau**, recovering from surgery with good results
- **Gary Kamtz**, recovering from surgery
- **Clarence Peetzke**, father of Doug, who was released from hospice, but still rehabilitating his hip
- **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

- **For the family of Mary Burch**, daughter of Bud Burch and sister of Jan Nelson, called home to the Lord on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- **For the family of Paul Mason**, father of Joel Mason who went to be with the Lord on May 18<sup>th</sup>
- **For the family of Genevieve Woodbury**, mother of Nancy Rohwer, gone home to the Lord on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- **For the family of Marlene Colligan**, mother of Julie Snell, called home to the Lord on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- **For the family of Cindy Bulgrin**, mother of Carrie Haubensak, who went home to the Lord on May 16<sup>th</sup>

### 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
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers