



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of November 7, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Today we observe All Saints' Day as we commemorate those who were called home to the Lord this past year:

Don Bader
Jim Taylor Sr
Marilyn Peters
Logan Frecks
J D Farris
Anatole Cigleris
Bud Hammerle
Stanley Hein
Jay Shattuck
Patricia Johnston
Harvey Leners
Al Romero



M&M CHALLENGE

Here at Divine Shepherd we're kicking off our fundraising effort with an M&M challenge on the weekend of November 6-7. That weekend at all of our worship services, you'll be handed a tube of mini M&M's from a youth or adult attending the Gathering as you exit the sanctuary. Take the M&M's home and enjoy this chocolatey treat on us! Then, if you're able, fill the plastic tube with either coins, cash or a check and return it to the church anytime before November 21st and place it in the designated Youth Gathering bucket in the atrium. Donations of all sizes are welcome! Checks can be made payable to Divine Shepherd.

Help us kickstart our goal of raising \$50,000 for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering!

In July 2022, 38 youth and adults will travel to Houston, Texas for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering. Held every 3 years, the Gathering is a faith-filled, fun experience for 20,000-plus youth from around the country to learn, grow and serve in the name of Jesus! Please prayerfully consider partnering with us and investing in our youth here at Divine Shepherd! If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Spencer Owen, Director of Youth Ministry, at spencer@dsomaha.org.



GRACEPOINT

The weekend of November 13-14 Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann, CEO of GracePoint Institute for Relational Health will be with us to share a message from God's Word for our One Another sermon series. Our theme that weekend is, "Bear One Another's Burdens." GracePoint Institute for Relational Health, a 501c3 non-profit counseling ministry, was co-founded in 2012 by Pastor Mark Hannemann and his son Justin. Divine Shepherd members Bill Seim, Dan Brown, Steve Beyer, Bill Kernens, Jeff Beckman and Mike Chapman serve on the GracePoint board of directors. GracePoint has counseling offices in Omaha and Lincoln and serves people from our region, serves church workers from around the country with assessments and counseling services, and provides presentations and consulting services for the church at large. We will receive a special door offering that weekend to support GracePoint's work. \$7,500 has already been received as a matching

challenge gift! Your gift will be a blessing to many, especially those who cannot afford care. Checks should be made out to "Divine Shepherd."

GIFT OF STOCK DONATIONS FOR 2021

Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction through stock transfers. Please keep in mind the stock must first be transferred to Divine Shepherd via the Church's brokerage firm before being liquidated. This process can take up to two weeks before it arrives in the church account. If you are planning to make a donation for 2021 via a gift of stock please contact Jennie Smith, Director of Finance and Operations or email her at jennie@dsomaha.org.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the Divine Shepherd members who braved the cold and wind to host trunks for our Trunk or Treat! Thank you to the many people who donated candy for this event as well. We had about 250 kids and their families come through our parking lot! What an amazing time we had! We shared candy, smiles, laughter and the love of Jesus with all who came through. Thank you, Divine Shepherd, for being a light in our community!

GARDEN CLUB AND MOWING THANKS

Divine Shepherd would like to thank Alan Eschmann and Jason Snell for keeping the lawn at church mowed and looking great all summer long. Please say thank you to them if you have a chance.

Divine Shepherd would also like to say thank you to the garden club for their continued work around the church grounds. It takes a lot of work to keep the garden areas looking good. This group is constantly pulling weeds, trimming trees, pruning bushes, planting some new plants, watering plants, and adding mulch. The list goes on and on. We would like to thank: Karen Dix Johnson, Ruby Stroh, Nancy Dorn, Betty and Sherwin Terrill, Greg and Geri Rehms, and Craig and Janis Pfingsten. A special thank you to Janis Pfingsten who has organized this group all summer and keeps everyone organized. If you would like to help next year contact Kevin Reinboold at kevin@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500.

TURKEY 'N' FIXIN'S FOOD DRIVE

Divine Shepherd is hosting a food drive for Open Door Mission. We aim to help provide fresh, nutritious meals this holiday season to the hungry and homeless in the Heartland. You can bring the food items to the bins in the atrium until Nov. 14. Open Door Mission has provided a list of nonperishable items to donate:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Boxed Meals (like Hamburger helper)
- Soup
- Pasta/Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Mac 'n' cheese

Next Sunday, November 14 is the last day to donate food!

MIDWEEK CONNECTION NOVEMBER 10 MEAL OPTIONS:

Pot Roast and Scalloped Potatoes or Beefy Lasagna and Green Beans

Now available - a salad with every meal!

PRICES

\$8 for adults, \$5 for children (6-10 years old) and kids 5 and under are free

Those planning to attend the meal this week must register online or at the table in the atrium BEFORE 9AM ON MONDAY, NOV 8.

November 17 Meal:

Meatloaf with Green Beans or Chicken & Pasta Alfredo



ANGEL TREE – PICK UP TAGS NEXT WEEK!

Angel Tree season is drawing near, and God has blessed us with the opportunity to show his love to 250 children and over 100 incarcerated citizens! Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents. In addition to purchasing gift cards for the children, we are in need of volunteers to help call families, fill out angel tags, and help organize this operation. Tags will be ready next

Sunday, November 14. we invite you to take an angel or two or five and bring back a \$20 Walmart gift card for each tag. Gifts will need to be returned by December 1. We are also asking for financial donations to pay for postage and cover any angels not taken. Watch for more details in early November and please contact the church office or Rosy Gunn (402- 330-7727) if you are willing to help with Angel Tree this year.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Pastor Mark and Sandy Hannemann have a new address. Please call the church office if you need it. Thanks.

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>

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Did you know the phrase "one another" appears some 59 times in the New Testament? Like "love one another," "bear one another's burdens" and "forgive one another." The list goes on. We are going to spend the next few weeks looking at a number of these passages that illustrate how Christians are to regard and treat one another. Here's the schedule:

- Nov. 14** "Bear One Another's Burdens"
Galatians 6:1-5 GracePoint Sunday
with Dr. Justin Hannemann
- 21** "Honor and Live In Harmony with One Another" Romans 12:9-16

Do you have a baby on the way? Please email Jenny Darr (jennydarr@dsomaha.org) with your due date so we can get you on our radar and bless you with some meals!



Altar flowers are provided in celebration of the marriage of Jared and Carly Koger and in thankfulness to God for her family by Sharon Herzberg.

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** "*The Power of Forgiveness.*" (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 10

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** "*Gathered in Faith*" (Trinity Center)
6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
5:00-6:00pm **Meal in the gym**
6:15-6:25pm **Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)**
6:30-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

Thursday, November 11

10:30am **Grief Recovery Series** (Shepherd's Room)
7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 13

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 14

8:00am **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:30am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
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)
9:45am **Kids Church**
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

- **Jared Kroger and Carly Meier**, in celebration of their marriage this weekend

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Eric Meissner**, recovering from surgery
- **Thiry Kern**, recovering from heart procedure
- **Eric Radik & friend Lt. Col. Mark Straheil**, recovering from Covid
- **Pat Reed**, recovering from surgery
- **Doris Schroeder**, recovering from surgery
- **Bridgett Sanne**, recovering from surgery
- **Jane McKercher**, recovering from knee surgery
- **Joe Colvert**, recovering from surgery
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with severe joint pain
- **Pete Gunn**, brother of Don, with heart problems
- **Patti Jensen**, recovering from surgery
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **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

- **Dawn Tran** and family, at the loss of her sister Deb Thompson October 31

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Jake Ulrich and Aaron Grelson
- **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
- **Rev. Dr. Charles Cortright**, serving as instructor for Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia
- **Our Stephen Ministers** providing care in Jesus' name and their care receivers and for members to consider serving in this ministry