

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of January 16, 2022



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Our Ministry of the Month for January is The Assure Women's Center of Omaha. This ministry has been on the front lines of the battle for life in our community for many years. We will have a speaker from Assure at each of our services the weekend of January 22-23. A special offering will be received at the door after each service that weekend. Make checks payable to "Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church" (you can include your envelope number) or give electronically on our website. For January, Assure Women's Center appears there as a giving option.

CHILI COOK-OFF UPDATE

After much careful and prayerful deliberation, we've made the decision to cancel the annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser for our youth group given the current circumstances with COVID-19 in our community. We are still in the process of collecting items for our live and silent auction, which will now be held in conjunction with our Comedy Night fundraiser, featuring our very own Chris Scheufele, on Friday, March 11. Mark the date on your calendar! More information on this fundraiser will be announced in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support of our youth here at Divine Shepherd!



Altar flowers are given, anonymously, in thankfulness to the Lord for ALL of the staff of Divine Shepherd and Little Lamb Preschool.



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LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

MIDWEEK CONNECTION JAN. 19 MEAL OPTIONS:

- Beef Stroganoff with buttered corn
- Herb chicken and rice pilaf
- **NEW KID'S MEAL** includes hot dog and macaroni and cheese

Salad, drinks, dinner roll and dessert come included with all meals.

PRICES

\$8 for adult, \$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, JAN 17.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS STARTING

A class leading to membership at Divine Shepherd will begin Sunday, Feb. 6. This class is for those who don't have a background in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will cover the key teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. The class will meet for seven weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Trinity Center on the lower level, and will be taught by the pastors. If you are interested in joining the congregation and have current or past membership in another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, only a one-hour orientation class is required. That will take place March 20 at 9:30 a.m. To enroll or inquire about either class, contact Pastor Jim in the church office, 402-895-1500, or jim@dsomaha.org.

A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND!

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker or relative going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are member of Divine Shepherd or Grace Hill trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. To learn how you can help a friend receive care, contact Pastor Mark or Joan Rowell at 402-658-1463 or marjo87@windstream.net

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This is the time that many of us will be making New Year's Resolutions! If you would like to make a difference in someone's life during this new year, the Divine Shepherd Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite you to join our group! The long winter evenings ahead are perfect for knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl that will be given to someone in our community who has a need for comfort. Ministry members meet once a week to share prayer, friendship, and ideas. Yarn and instructions are provided and we will even teach you to knit or crochet. Won't you make a "resolution" to join us? **Our next meeting is Monday, January**

17 at 1:00 PM in the Shepherd's Room.

If you have questions, contact Betty Buller at 402-490-3668 or jimandbettybuller@gmail.com

LOST BOOKS?

Lost Books? is the title of the new Tuesday morning Bible study. Can we be sure the correct texts made it into the Bible? Several scholars, books and articles, movies and television specials have raised that challenge recently. Since God never sent us a specific list of what to include, who exactly decided the Bible should contain the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but not the Gospels of Judas, Thomas and Mary? Is there any truth to the charge that a Roman emperor in the fourth century orchestrated the list of books that we have in the Bible? These and other questions will be addressed in this new 4-session study that began January 10 at 10:00am in the Chapel with Pastor Mark.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD – ARK

ENCOUNTER. Attention EVERYONE who has made the \$100 deposit for the Ark Encounter trip: **The remaining cost of the trip is due BEFORE Feb. 1 with checks made to DIAMOND TOURS.** Get the check to Lyle Kruse BEFORE that date. Checks can also be left at the church office in an envelope with Lyles's name. This is needed so that hotel rooms can be secured.

kindergarten roundup

Learn about Concordia Academy Kindergarten!!

Jan. 20 6:00-8:00 PM

Jan. 21 1:00-2:30 PM

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CONCORDIA ACADEMY

Is your family interested in Concordia Academy Kindergarten for the fall of 2022 or after? If so, please join us for our Concordia Academy Kindergarten Roundup! This year's event is planned for Thursday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM and Friday, January 21st from 1:00-

2:30 PM. A pizza meal will be served at 6:00 Thursday with a program overview beginning at 6:30, and the program overview begins at 1:00 on Friday. Tours and other admissions information will be offered at both sessions. Please RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org or 402-990-9444. We look forward to seeing you there!



Pastor Mark's Evening Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Crazy-Making: Why We Keep Doing What We Don't Want to Do

Have you ever kept doing something you don't want to do? We all have these patterns in our lives that we just can't seem to shake. No matter how disciplined we are, how much willpower we drum up, or how many times we seek accountability, eventually we find ourselves sucked back into repeating the same patterns again. It's crazy-making!

Everyone's struggle is different. For you, it might look like criticizing, substance abuse, over-working, sexual sin, people-pleasing, or hundreds of others. Jesus has given all of us a way out of these crazy-making cycles, and it has nothing to do with white-knuckling our way to freedom. Join us in this four-week study as we explore where these patterns come from, why we keep repeating them, and how to stop the crazy and live in the freedom Jesus makes possible.

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, January 17

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

Tuesday, January 18

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 19

6:15pm **Chancel Choir**
5:00-6:00pm **Meal in the gym**
6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies**

Thursday, January 20

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

Friday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 22

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

Sunday, January 23

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 **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)
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

- **Zyan Olson, Colt & Brielle Thompson, children of Holly Harris and Ben Thompson,** baptized this weekend

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Rev. Ron Gocken,** former Divine Shepherd pastor, in hospice care
- **Judy Moore,** undergoing testing
- **Duane Stohs,** healing from back surgery and stroke
- **Jeff Echtenkamp,** for healing
- **Pastor Bob Ziegler,** uncle of Patty Mollring, for healing
- **Rodney Shrimpton,** for healing and recovery from an illness
- **Patti Jensen,** recovering from surgery
- **Gary & Joyce Toelle,** beginning Gary's cancer treatment
- **Elizabeth Krichau,** for healing
- **Chris Dennis,** for shoulder healing
- **All those battling cancer: 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

- **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
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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