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For the Week of October 10, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTH SUDAN

The president of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) will visit Divine Shepherd the weekend of Oct. 9-10. Rev. Jordan Long leads a church body of about 60,000 members with congregations in South Sudan, Kenya and western Ethiopia. Many of the church body's members fled a civil war in South Sudan and are living as refugees in other countries. Pastor Doug Morton, Pastoral Care Assistant at Divine Shepherd, has been a leader and teacher in the LCSS seminary in Gambela, Ethiopia for years, helping to train pastors. Pastor Jim Rasmussen joins Pastor Morton on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan-North America, an organization which supports the African church body. **Rev. Long will give a brief presentation during services Oct. 9-10**, and a special offering for the LCSS's ministry will be taken. Please consider supporting the work of the LCSS!

THANKS, AARON!

Aaron Bressman has decided that it is time to step down from his role as worship leader for our 9:30 and 10:45am services to spend more time with his family. Aaron has been serving since 1994 when his father, Ken Bressman, and fellow member John Floth, established the first praise team at Divine Shepherd. In those days Aaron sang for the team, but his dad wanted him to play the keyboard. Aaron told his dad that he didn't play the keyboard, to which his dad said, "you'll figure it out." Aaron has been "figuring it out" for the glory of God and to bless our congregation with the musical gifts the Lord has given him for many years. We thank him and we thank God for him and his faithful service. Last week was Aaron's last Sunday. If

you missed out on the card shower for him last weekend, you can drop off a card at the church office and we will get it to him.

NEW WORSHIP LEADER

Chris Scheufele is our new worship leader for the 9:30 and 10:45am Sunday services. Chris is a speaker, author, comedian, and founder of Chris in the Classroom – a nationally renown bullying prevention and social emotional learning school program. He is a former teacher and has a degree in music education. He is married to Luann, and they have 3 children: Alaina (8), Josiah (6), and Lizzie (2). When he's not doing any of that, he's probably sleeping...I mean...resting his eyes.

MIDWEEK CONNECTION: NO MIDWEEK MEAL OR ACTIVITIES THIS WEDNESDAY,

Oct. 13, due to Millard Fall Break. We will resume next week on October 20.

OCTOBER 20 MEAL:

Meatloaf with Green Beans with bacon & onions or Chicken & Pasta Alfredo with Buttered Corn



TRUNK OR TREAT!

Can you help us host Trunk or Treat? We will be welcoming kids and their families to Divine Shepherd's upper parking lot on Sunday, October 31 from 3-5 pm for a Trunk or Treat. Can you help host this event by decorating your vehicle in a fun, cute or (slightly) scary way for

kids to look at as they walk around and collect candy. You can sign up on the website. We will also be collecting candy to hand out during this event. Please put donated candy in the labeled bin in the atrium. Thank you!

NEW BABY MEAL MINISTRY

Can you share a meal with a new mom?

Divine Shepherd is starting a new ministry to help care for families. We are looking for additional team members for our New Baby Meal Ministry! If you can help love our young families in this way, sign up online at dsomaha.org/meals or contact Jenny Darr at jennydarr@dsomaha.org. Once you're added to our list, you'll be kept informed of each new opportunity to serve and provided a way to sign up to deliver a specific meal to the families. We know not everyone is a cook, so instead of a homemade meal, feel free to provide a gift card, a take-out meal, or a premade meal from Costco!

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties – Loss of a loved one; job loss; imprisonment; hospitalization; disability; infertility; spiritual crisis; loneliness; discouragement; divorce; cancer; many other challenges. Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you – privately and confidentially-to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence in your life. If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact Pastor Mark or Joan Rowell at marjo87@windstream.net or 402-658-1463.

EXPERIENCE CONCORDIA JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Have your students join us to experience Concordia Jr.-Sr. High first hand! Mark your calendar for Friday, Oct. 29th at noon until 3pm, when all prospective 6th-12th graders can enjoy an afternoon learning more about Concordia Jr.-Sr. High and what it has to offer. Lunch is provided. Register your student today by calling Dawn Cooksey at 402-990-9444, or email cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org.

New Bible Study, 9:30am on Sundays I Believe: The Creeds in My Life

We regularly recite the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. Once a year, on Trinity Sunday, we recite the Athanasian Creed. If you have questions about what the creeds actually mean, or if you would simply like to grow deeper in your understanding of the creeds, then this Sunday morning Bible study can be helpful to you. This class will be held in the Commons Room (on the lower level) from 9:30am - 10:30am each Sunday. This study is also available via zoom. Come and join us in a journey that will help you see the creeds in new and exciting ways, and learn that they do have extreme relevance for our everyday lives. For more information, contact Pastor Doug Morton at doug@dsomaha.org.

SEEKING PRAYER PARTNERS

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is searching for members of Divine Shepherd who will pray for a Little Lamb student or staff member throughout this school year. You will find a card for students & staff out on the rolling wall. Please be sure to jot down your child's name or staff member's name and your name on the sign-up sheet on the table. If you'd like to know of specific prayer requests throughout the year, you may include your phone number or email. Thanks so much for lifting up our Little Lambs in your prayers! It will be a HUGE blessing for all of us!

KIDS CHURCH, 9:30AM SERVICE

Calling All Kids: We've started doing something new during the 9:30 service. Before the sermon starts, Miss Trish will invite kids to come to the Chapel for Kids Church. Kids Church will consist of a message geared toward kids who are 5-9 years old, along with music, crafts and activities. However, kids a little older and a little younger are also welcome to join us. Kids will stay with Miss Trish until the end of the 9:30 service. Kids should enter the sanctuary with their parents and sit with them until invited to come out. Kids Church is replacing the Sunday School classes we have had in the past. We hope you can join us for Kids Church!

SENIORS FOR THE LORD – ARK ENCOUNTER

Plan NOW to pack your suitcase and travel on an ARK Encounter. God willing, the bus will leave April 18, 2022, and return April 23, 2022. Cost

of the trip will be \$565 (double occupancy). Contact Lyle Kruse (402-517-8827) or Clarice Howard (402-934-7237) for necessary paperwork. Occupancy will be limited to 42. Money is NOT being accepted at this time, but please call or email lkruise1185@aol.com or owatsonhoward@gmail.com of your intent to join.

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:

- Oct. 17** "Pray for One Another" James 5:13-20
24 "Encourage One Another"
Hebrews 3:7-19
31 "Teach and Admonish One Another"
Colossians 3:15-17
- Nov. 7** "Serve One Another" Galatians 5:13-15
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

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>



Altar flowers are given by Kathie Haubensak in gratitude to God for her dear family and all the members & staff of the Divine Shepherd family.

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 12

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

Wednesday, October 13

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** "*Gathered in Faith*" (Trinity Center)
6:30pm **NO Midweek Connection Classes or Bible Studies**

Thursday, October 14

1:00pm **Bridge** (Chapel)
7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons & Cave)

Friday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 16

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

Sunday, October 17

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

- **Corey Loveland**, confirmed this weekend
- **Aaron Bressman** and his faithful worship leading ministry for many years

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Joe Colvert**, recovering from surgery
- **Chris Dennis**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with severe joint pain
- **Patti Jensen**, suffering from leg pain
- **David Gesch**, battling covid
- **All those battling cancer:**
 - **Cyndee Earl**
 - **Gary Toelle**
 - **Bob Oberhauser**
 - **Laura Rogers**
 - **Sherri Flanagan**
 - **Donna Tatreau**
 - **Steve Jipp**
 - **Daren Kizlin and his sister**

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