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For the Week of November 28, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congregational Assembly December 5

Our annual congregational assembly will be Sunday, December 5 at 12:00pm in the sanctuary. Agenda items include election of board members and elders, consideration of the 2022 budget, an update on the 168th and Giles property, and a ministry report.

ELECTION SLATE

Board of Directors

New 2-year Term

President - Stuart Bartruff
Treasurer - Blake Warneke
Member at Large - Brad Kingsbury
Member at Large - Gina Williams
Elder Chairman - Ken Mar

Board of Elders

New 2-year Term

Dave Wacker
Spencer Volzke
Jason Snell
Andy Holdt
Tim Nordquist
Ken Mar (Elder Chairman)

Wait Upon the Lord

**A Series of Services for Advent
Wednesday, December 1 7:15pm**

Week 1: Wait Upon the Lord With Faith

Join us for the Wait Upon the Lord special service for the First Week of Advent. In this service we wait upon the Lord with faith. Abraham and Sarah waited with faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, and we wait with faith for the birth of God's Son, Jesus, trusting that he will come at Christmas to save all people. Join us for Advent worship.

Thanks, Erv!

Erv Minderman has donated one of his wood art pieces of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It has been placed on the wall by the church office window. Thanks you, Erv, for sharing your work!

Calling all Christmas carolers!

Please join in and combine our voices on Sunday, December 19 (3-5:00pm) as we sing to our DS shut-ins. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:50pm and carpool to our destinations from there. All ages are welcome...so bring the entire family and/or friends and make this a Christmas tradition! Dress for the weather, as we are outdoors as we sing. We will only cancel for ice or measurable snow. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Doeschot (402) 210-5083. What a great way to celebrate Jesus' birth, by lifting our voices and singing praises to Him! We hope that you can join us.



M&M Fundraiser Update

On behalf of the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering participants, we want to take a moment to say "Thank you!" for your prayers and incredible financial generosity as we kicked off our fundraising efforts to attend next summer's gathering in Houston! Over the past few weeks we handed out mini M&M's in tubes for you and your family to enjoy and asked that your prayerfully consider investing in the lives of our youth here at Divine Shepherd. By God's grace, we raised \$7,721.76 thanks to the generous

hearts of this congregation! Thank you for your support!

Chili Cook-off Returns Jan. 28

After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, we're excited to announce that the famed Chili Cook-off is being planned for January 28 from 5:30-8:30pm! After a 20 year run, Little Lamb Preschool and Childcare has turned over the reigns of this event to the Youth Group with all proceeds benefiting various youth ministry trips and events - including the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston.

We're currently looking for individuals, families, or companies who would like to donate items for our silent and live auctions or be a premier sponsor of this event! If you have an item(s) that you'd like to donate - big or small! - or would like information on sponsorships, email spencer@dsomaha.org. More information and chili booth signup will be announced in the coming weeks!



Children's Christmas Musical: The children of Divine Shepherd will be presenting a Christmas Musical called All About that Baby on Sunday, December 19 during the 10:45 service. This would be a great opportunity for Divine Shepherd members to invite friends and neighbors who may not know the true meaning of Christmas. Divine Shepherd parents - this is your child's opportunity to sing praises to our Lord and Savior to celebrate His birth. If you would like your child to be involved, please register them on our website: dsomaha.org. Click the button that says "Register for all Divine Shepherd events here" and then find the button for the Christmas Musical. If you have any questions, please contact Trish in the church office or at trish@dsomaha.org.

THANKSLIVING PROJECT

The Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare students have been Living out their Thankfulness! Starting in mid-October, the children were working hard at home doing jobs for moms and dads to earn money for our recent field trip. This past week, we went to Stony Brook Hy-Vee to tour the grocery store and learn about healthy eating. Then each child and parent took the hard-earned money and went shopping for non-perishable food items. They returned all that food to the altar as our gifts to Jesus to help others in need. You see all the donated food on display around the altar this weekend. This food will be donated and picked up by Millard Wee Care who support families right here in Millard. Join us in Living out your Thankfulness by serving others! Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Seniors for the Lord, PLAN NOW to attend the CHRISTMAS POTLUCK dinner on December 1. We will have a program and hopefully lots of food! CHICKEN will be provided. Side dishes and desserts are welcomed. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Trinity Room. Anyone interested is always welcome. Please call 402-934-7237 (Howard Home) and leave a message if you plan to attend as we need to know the amount of chicken to order.

We will begin to collect the \$100 for the ARK ENCOUNTER DEPOSIT at this meeting. Your deposit will guarantee your place.

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.

Poinsettias will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas worship services. If you would like to purchase a plant or plants in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc, please complete an order form found on a table in the atrium and enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd. Return your

order and dedication to the church office or place in the offering plate. Orders are due by Sunday, December 12.

Canasta Card Club will meet Tuesday, November 30, from 1:00 - 4:00 in the chapel.



Altar flowers are given by Chuck and Bonnie Clark in thanksgiving for their many blessings and for their granddaughter whose 26th birthday is today

MIDWEEK CONNECTION December 1 MEAL OPTIONS:

- Salisbury Steak with mushroom gravy and Mashed Potatoes
- Chicken Enchiladas and Spanish Rice

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 29.

December 8 Meal:

- Beef Stroganoff with Buttered Corn
- Herb Chicken and Rice Pilaf with toasted almonds

The 2022 Altar Flowers calendar has been posted on the wall near the office door. Please sign your name and phone number. Bouquets are \$20 each--payment can be made by placing the money in a yellow pew envelope, marking it clearly FLOWERS and placing it in the collection plate, or by taking it to the office.



ANGEL TREE MINISTRY – TAKE AN ANGEL OFF THE TREE!

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. We invite you to take an angel or two or five and bring back a \$20 Walmart gift card with each angel. 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. Call the church office to volunteer or with questions.

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, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

10:00am **Pastor Mark's Bible study** (Sanctuary)
1:00pm **Canasta Card Club** (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 1

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, December 2

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

Friday, December 3

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

Saturday, December 4

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

Sunday, December 5

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

- **John Miles Ulrich**, son of Jake & Staci Ulrich, baptized this weekend

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Marlin Petermann & Gwendolyn Debban**, hospitalized
- **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
- **Trish Thies**, sister of Linda Minderman, serious condition with Covid
- **Ric Rasmussen**, cousin of Pastor Jim, recovering from surgery
- **Pat Meierhenry**, mother of Kay Wasserman, surgery scheduled November 22
- **Lilly Perkins**, healing from knee injury
- **Rich Mendenhall**, son-in-law of Doris Schroeder, awaiting spinal surgery
- **Mary Tietjen**, healing of ankle fracture
- **Shawn Burress**, in the ER with Covid in Colorado
- **Brooke Williams**, treatment for bone infection
- **Mike Cook**, scheduled for surgery November 16
- **Jon Nelson**, son of Dave Nelson, recovering from surgery
- **Chris Dennis**, for shoulder healing
- **Rosy Gunn**, dealing with debilitating illness
- **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

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