

HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
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For the Week of January 22, 2023

This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 23

10:00am Women's Bible Study - "Esther" (Trinity Center)
1:00pm Prayer Shawl (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, January 24

10:00am Adult Bible Study "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John (Chapel)
1:00pm Quilting Group "Divine Pieces" (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 25

5:15-6:05pm Midweek Meal (Gym)
6:15-7:30pm Midweek Connections Classes (Begin in the Sanctuary)
6:15pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
7:45pm Handbell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

6:15am Men's Bible Study - "Philippians" (Shepherd's Room)
6:00-8:00pm LLPC Chili Cook Off (Gym)

Saturday, January 28

9:00am Pickleball (Gym)
5:00pm Evening Praise Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 29

8:00am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
8:45-11:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts (Chapel)
9:30am Kids Church (Chapel)
9:30am Modern Worship with Holy Communion(Sanctuary)
9:30am Women's Bible Study - "Better, a study of Hebrews" (Shepherd's Room)
10:45am Modern Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
3:00-6:00pm Middle School & High School Youth Ice Skating (Moylan Iceplex)

ASSURE IS MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Our Ministry of the Month for January is Assure Women's Center. Assure provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds for women in Omaha. Assure helps many mothers to make the decision to have their babies rather than make the tragic choice of abortion. A representative from Assure will provide an update on their ministry following services this weekend, which includes Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. A special offering will be taken to support Assure, or you can give anytime this month by designating an online gift to the Ministry of the Month at dsomaha.org/give.

PASTOR BRENT INSTALLATION

WEEKEND SCHEDULE
Rev. Dr. Brent Smith is scheduled to be installed as senior pastor of Divine Shepherd on Sunday, February 5, at the 10:45am service. Having the installation worship service on Sunday morning is designed to encourage members to attend and to accommodate the schedule of Rev. Richard Snow, president of the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who will preach at that service and perform the installation. In order to facilitate the special service the weekend schedule **will be revised, for one week only, as follows:**

Saturday, February 4

- 5pm Blended Worship

Sunday, February 5

- 9am Blended Worship with communion (mix of traditional and contemporary music)
- 10:45am Worship with the installation of our senior pastor
- Noon: **Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the gym** with BBQ sandwiches, sides, and dessert. **Please RSVP for the luncheon online at dsomaha.org/events or by calling the church office before Monday, Jan. 30.**

HELP AT THE INSTALLATION LUNCH

We need some additional helping hands for Pastor Brent Smith's installation luncheon. If you are

available to help decorate tables Saturday afternoon at 1pm on February 4, or help clean up after the luncheon on February 5, please email jennydarr@dsomaha.org.

CHILI COOK-OFF THIS FRIDAY!

The 21st Annual Little Lamb Preschool Chili Cook-Off is THIS Friday, January 27, 6-8pm. The live auction is back by popular demand! All proceeds will benefit Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare. We have seven chili booths ready to serve you, your family and friends.

- TODAY is your last chance to purchase tickets at the presale cost! Tickets are on sale now at the table in the Atrium. \$8 for Adult tickets; \$5 for Children ages 3-12; under 3 yrs. old are free. Adult ticket prices increase to \$10 at the door.

- We still need more hands to make the evening go smoothly. Please consider giving an hour (or more) of your time to help make the event great! Sign up at the table to help in the kitchen, to take tickets, or to face paint.

- A few more fruit and veggie tray donations are needed. Please sign up today!

- Live auction items include: Wooden picture of the Lord's Supper, Brew Haha Tickets, Name the Lane Sign, Dessert of the Month made with love by Tonya Isaac and a few more surprises.

Contact Tonya Isaac (402-714-3950) if you have questions or are ready to help.

MS & HS YOUTH ICE SKATING EVENT

We're going Ice Skating! Join us on Sunday, January 29 at the Moylan Iceplex while we spin, twirl, and skate the afternoon away (okay, well maybe we're not quite that good...) Whether you're a pro or you've never ice skated before, YOU'RE INVITED to come have some fun. Stay for as little or as long as you'd like. Cost is \$9 per person and can be paid for at the door. Feel free to bring your friends and family! The Iceplex is located near 125th & Maple. Public skating is from 2:15pm to 6pm so feel free to

come anytime between then. Spencer will be there from 3 to 6pm. No sign up is required for this event. Simply show up and join in on the fun!

JOIN THE SAFETY TEAM

Divine Shepherd's Safety Team is recruiting for additional members. Men, women, even teenagers (16 years and older) are welcome. We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer some of their time to help us keep DSLC a safe and secure place. The only requirements are that you're certified in CPR/First Aid (we can get that training for you), and that you're willing to help. If you're interested in hearing more, or if you have questions, ask anyone in a blue "SAFETY" shirt, or talk to Scott Custard (scott@movingpartsilc.com) or Matt Mundt (mmundt@cox.net).

MIDWEEK MEALS AND CLASSES RESUME

Our Wednesday night Midweek Connection program has resumed. If you were not able to join us last semester for fellowship and education, now is a great time to start midweek classes!

MIDWEEK MEAL

Connect for fellowship and a fresh-cooked meal in the gym, served from 5:15pm to 6:05pm on Wednesdays before Midweek classes. Meals cost \$5 for adults and are free for kids 10 and under. January 25 Menu: Sloppy joes, baked beans, salad and chips. Kids: hotdog, chips, mac & cheese.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

5:15 - 6:05pm Meal in the gym
6:15 - 6:25pm Opening in the Sanctuary (all ages)
6:30 - 7:30pm Midweek Connection Classes and Bible Studies

CONCORDIA OPEN HOUSE

Your family is invited to the Concordia Academy Open House (grades K-5th) on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 4pm to 7pm. This open house will occur at their current location, 1821 N. 90th St. Please note that there will be information sessions for graded and Ignite classrooms at 5pm and 6pm. They look forward to seeing you there!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The First Communion Class is offered for Middle School Students (6th-8th Grade) enrolled in our Confirmation program. This class is required before the youth receives the Sacrament and must be taken prior to their Confirmation in 8th grade.

Our next class is scheduled for Saturday, February 11 at 9am. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their youth. Sign up online at dsomaha.com/events.

SENIORS FOR THE LORD

Seniors for the Lord will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 10am in the Trinity Center. A game day is planned with a soup luncheon following. Anyone willing to provide soup needs to contact Janis Pelan at 402-499-0936. Everyone else can bring salad, sandwich, or dessert.

THANK YOU

Divine Shepherd Family, I want you to know how very appreciative I am for all of your prayers, cards, and kind words. It helps a lot to know that people like you really do care. Thank you! God is good!
- Bill Selim

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given by Kristie Ramsey in celebration of Faith's 16th birthday on Jan. 26

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday, 9:30am - Women's Bible Study - "Better, a study of Hebrews" with Dena Nigh (Shepherd's Room)
Monday, 10am - Women's Bible Study - "Esther" with Trish Reinbold (Trinity Center)

Tuesday, 10am - Adult Bible Study - "Growing Deep Into the Real Jesus," A Study of the Gospel of John with Pastor Doug (Chapel)

Wednesday

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study - "Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World," A Study of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians with Pastor Doug (Sanctuary)

6:30pm - Parenting Bible Study - Love-Centered Parenting with Sally Vandeberghe (Shepherd's Room)

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Joy, a Study of Philipians with Jenny Darr (Faith Room)

6:30pm - Men's Bible Study - A Biblical Take on Current Events with Ken Mar and Alan Eschmann (Grace Room)

Friday, 6:15am - Men's Bible Study - Philipians with Jason Snell jsnell@rdotc.com (Shepherd's Room)

E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP AVAILABLE AT DSOMAHA.ORG

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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

- **That the sale of our congregation's land** near 168th and Giles has been completed, allowing Divine Shepherd to pay off the mortgage on our property here at 150th and Q Street

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

- **Greg Stickler**, son-in-law of Sharon Herzberg, for continued healing
- **Al Jankowski**, for healing from cancer and strokes
- **Kelly Stites**, recovering at Methodist from cancer surgery
- **Kathy Stinnett**, for healing
- **Lois Koehler**, for healing
- **Steve Jipp**, recovering from heart surgery
- **Sherwin Terrill**, for healing
- **Paula Kresl**, hospitalized
- **Ginny Meyer**, for healing
- **Les Bockman**, Cindy Campbell's brother, for successful medical treatment
- **Bill Rydstrom**, for pain relief and healing
- **Shirley Aken**, for healing
- **Doris Witecki**, for recovery from an infection and cancer
- **Dennis Evans**, for recovery from back surgery
- **David Dierking**, for healing from an infection
- **Andi McDonald**, for successful upcoming surgery for breast cancer
- **Doug Ahrens**, nephew of Bonnie Hansen, for treatment and recovery
- **Kelly Spath**, cousin of Vicki Mendlik, diagnosed with cancer

FOR COMFORT AND PEACE

- **For the family of Judy Moore**, who passed away Monday
- **For the family of Tom Lundquist**, at the passing away of his sister, Diane

FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, NATION, AND WORLD

- **That hostilities would cease in Ukraine**
- **Protection for those serving in the military**, especially those deployed including Sean Stone, Michael Hanson, Calvin Kruse, and Skyler Bergelt
- **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

- **Prayers of thanksgiving that Pastor Brent Smith has accepted the call to become our senior Pastor**
- **Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare**, thankfulness for our staff, parents & children
- **Concordia Schools of Omaha**, our partners in Christian education
- **Concordia University Nebraska**, to continue to prepare church workers and other Christian leaders.