

THE DIVINE SHEPHERD
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December 30/31, 2017



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Family Campus Workshop–
 Sunday, January 14th, 11am – 12:30pm**

On Sunday, January 14th BVH Architecture will share the second and final Family Campus masterplan workshop. Building off of the first workshop this interactive, hands-on meeting is a way for the BVH team to gather more insight from the congregation on the future of the 168th & Giles site, as well as provide basic lessons in site planning for more informed decision-making.

Children of all ages also have a companion workshop, held at the same time that allows them to learn about architecture and create their own designs through drawings and building models. Their creations are then presented to the adults at the end of the workshops. Adults in Chapel. Children in Trinity Room.



Next Sunday’s sermon: tohu wabohu Genesis 1:1-5



This service resumes on Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30pm in the Chapel.

Adult Bible Studies:

Note: All Bible studies will resume the week of January 7.



Sunday morning adult study

Pastor Hannemann leads a study of 1 John in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. Grab a cup of coffee, your Bible, and join us. The study is called, “Walking In The Light.” This study will conclude on January 7.

In The Beginning – NEW—begins Sunday, January 14, **10:10am** – Commons Room, led by Remkea Ockander. From the beginning at the beginning of a new year, join us for this journey through the book of Genesis.

Exploring Luther’s Large Catechism - Tuesdays, 10:00am – Luther Chapel, led by Pastor Hannemann. This is a great study for our observance of the 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation.

Current Events from a Christian Perspective is the title of a class on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm in the Chapel. Pastor Hannemann is teaching this class that applies the Bible to stories ripped from the headlines.

Women’s Bible Studies:
 (See *Women’s Ministry section*)

Men's Bible Studies:

The Gospel of John – Wednesdays, 6:30am, Trinity Room, led by Vern Nemitz.

Man Camp – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Shepherd's Room, led by Pastor Chapman.

Reading Romans with Luther – The Book that Changed Luther– Thursdays, 6:00am, Vidlak's Brookside Café, 156th & W. Center Road.

Matthew - Fridays, 6:15am, Shepherd's Room, led by Pastor Chapman.

Galatians – Saturdays, 7:30am, Trinity Room, led by Vern Nemitz.



A new Stephen Ministry class is forming for January. We are looking for committed, caring individuals to take the training to provide quality Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This will multiply and extend the amount of caring ministry our pastors can provide by giving us a whole team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life. Contact Pastor Mark at dsomaha.org or Gordon Muirhead at 402-894-5913 or gmuirhead@cox.net. See the training materials at the display near the Bookstore.

Final Week! You may bring in your **FAMILY FARE** receipts year-round to support Little Lamb Preschool through their "*Direct Your Dollars*" program. HY-VEE is starting their "*Cash for Students*" program again and will accept **Hy-Vee** receipts dated on or before December 31st and turned in by Sunday, January 7th. THANK YOU for supporting Little Lamb Preschool with your receipts!



Women's Ministry Faith (Bible Studies)

Living Beyond Yourself by Beth Moore – Tuesdays, 9:00am, Trinity Room. Led by Kristin Herrera.

Miracles of Jesus – Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Room 15. Led by Remkea Ockander. Resumes Jan. 10.

NEW: Finding I Am by Lysa Terkeurst, Sundays, 9:00am, Room 11. Led by Dena Nigh.

Living Life Together by Shauna Niequist Wednesdays at 6:15pm, Room 15. Led by Denise Ehler.

Mission

Homeless Mat Project – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Rm 3.



Young Adult Group – Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. For location and information, check out Facebook: www.facebook.com/youngadultsomaha and Instagram: **youngadultsomaha**



Reminder—there will be no Wednesday night class on January 4th. There will be no Bible class for Jr. or Sr. High on January 1st.



Seniors for the Lord will meet Monday, Jan. 8th in the Trinity Center at 10:00am. Brent Smith from Mission Central will be our speaker. Following the presentation we will have a soup, salad and dessert luncheon. ANYONE is welcome. Call Vern Nemitz, [402-871-7462](tel:402-871-7462) if you have questions.

Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. NO DINNER SERVED January 3rd. Back on January 10th with Spaghetti. Happy Holidays!



Altar Flowers are given by Darrell and Joanne Swenson in celebration of their 20th anniversary on January 3, and by Richard and Sharon Herzberg in celebration of their great granddaughter, Ariana Lynn's baptism.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is up. There are still many openings especially for Jan, Feb and March. Please sign up in thanksgiving for blessings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. If you have any questions please contact Bev Curlee 402-891-1764.



Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you. Rev. Holder is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages—elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Holder at 314-505-7225 or holders@csl.edu.



Prayer Shawl Ministry – If you know of someone who is ill, grieving, or lonely, a prayer shawl could be very comforting to them. Simply fill out a card on the Information Counter in the Atrium or call Betty Buller at 402-333-8188, with requests or questions. Our stitchers are happy to donate their time and there is no charge for the shawls we make. If you would like to volunteer to knit or crochet, we meet every Monday from 1:00-2:30pm in Room 15, or you can work on your own at home. Patterns are available.



Help Wanted: Divine Shepherd is looking to hire a part-time employee to perform room setup and teardown for the 10:10am Sunday worship service. Work Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons, about 8 hours per week. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Pay is \$9.50 per hour. For an application and job description, contact Cody Wendt at Cody@dsomaha.org.

Are you ready for Chili?

The 18th Annual Little Lamb Preschool Chili Cook-Off is coming Friday, January 26. All proceeds will benefit Little Lamb Preschool. Gear up for a fun-filled evening with a live and silent auction, decorated booths, children's activities and delicious CHILI! Please begin planning how you may help!



- *Hosting a Chili Booth
- *Donating auction item
- *Eating bowls of Chili

*Volunteering that night

Mark your calendar now to enjoy a night of fun and support Little Lamb Preschool. Contact Tonya Isaac, director, for more information (895-1500 ext. 251).



Custodian Wanted: Divine Shepherd is looking to hire a part-time custodian to work Sunday and Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons, about 12 hours per week. The custodian will perform general cleaning duties. High school diploma, GED or equivalent preferred. Six months or more of general cleaning experience preferred. For an application and job description, contact Rev. Jim Rasmussen at jim@dsomaha.org. Compensation depends on experience and qualifications.

We need ushers and greeters for all services.



Both are a great way to get to know other church members and a good way to serve the Lord. For information or to sign up to usher, please contact Chris Napierala at chris.napierala@gmail.com or 402-350-9473. To be a greeter, contact Bev Curlee at 402-895-1500 or BevVerdana@dsomaha.org

All families with preschoolers are invited to attend **Kindergarten Roundup at Concordia Academy**. Two sessions are open for your convenience. You may pick from Thursday, January 11th (6:00-8:00pm with complimentary pizza meal) or Friday, January 12th (1:00-2:30pm). Please RSVP to Dawn Cooksey, Admissions Director, at 402-990-9444 or email at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org. More information about Concordia can be found at concordiaomaha.org.



+This Week's Calendar:



Monday, January 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

6:30pm **Board of Elders** (Shepherd's Room)

Wednesday, January 3

NO **Upper Room Worship**

NO Classes, Bible Studies or Choir Practices

Thursday, January 4

7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons Room)

Friday, January 5

NO **Activities**

Saturday, January 6

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** with Communion

Sunday, January 7

8:00am **Traditional Worship** with Communion

10:00am **Contemporary Worship** (Sanctuary)

10:10am **Family Worship** (CLC)

11:10am **Blended Worship** (Sanctuary)