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Week of January 7, 2018



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.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Why Does God Allow Suffering? is the title of a Bible study that begins next Sunday, January 14 in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. This new study, led by Pastor Hannemann, will explore the following kinds of questions from a biblical perspective: If God is all-loving and all-powerful, why doesn't he just do away with suffering? Why do Christians have to suffer? Where is God when I am suffering? What am I to learn from the suffering of Jesus? Why is "why me?" the wrong question to ask? Is the devil the cause of all suffering? How did Job cope with his extreme suffering? These and many other questions will be addressed in this 11-week series that concludes on Palm Sunday.

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Small Group Study

We will be starting a new small group study lead by Pastor Sean on **January 14** meeting weekly at 9:00am for 8 weeks in the Luther Chapel. It will be a chance to go deeper into the book study and to discover how you can be an everyday missionary. Joining Jesus on His Mission will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life for Jesus to living life with Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights will show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhood, workplace and school. You will feel both relief and hope. You may even hear yourself say, "I can do this!" as you start responding to the everyday opportunities Jesus is placing in your path. Join us starting January 14 at 9:00am in the Luther Chapel to be part of this study.



NEW SERMON SERIES

Next weekend we begin a new 4-week sermon series entitled, "Joining Jesus on His Mission," so named for the book by the same title by Pastor Greg Finke. The chapters listed in the schedule. We encourage everyone to buy the book and follow along with the readings through the series. Here's the schedule:

- **Jan. 14** "The Mission of Jesus" Mark 1:17-18 Chapters 1-5
- **Jan. 21** "Seeking What Jesus is Showing Us" Mark 1:15 Chapters 6-10
- **Jan. 28** "The Practices of Joining Jesus" Matthew 6:33 Chapters 11-16

- **Feb. 4** "Joining Jesus in Our Neighborhoods"
Matthew 9:9-13 Chapters 17-19



The Upper Room service is an opportunity for midweek worship with Communion. This 35 minute service is a great option for those who can't make weekend worship. 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.



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

Please stop by the booth in the Atrium to grab a Gingerbread Man to provide a donation for this night of fun and support Little Lamb Preschool. Contact Tonya Isaac, director, for more information (895-1500 ext. 251).

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



Women's Ministry Faith (Bible Studies)

Now that Christmas is over and those cold, winter days are getting long, you are invited to bring your friends to spend a day together around hot drinks, great food, and wonderful fellowship with other women. Nebraska author and speaker Deb Burma will lead two one-day retreats based on her new Bible study "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply." You are invited and encouraged to bring a friend to hear the Gospel message and experience a day full of grace. Choose the date and location that works best for you and register today! **Saturday, January 20, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Gothenburg Senior Center** (includes lunch) or **Sunday,**

January 21, from 1:30-6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington. Both retreats are sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church of Lexington and are open to anyone free of charge. Visit tlclex.org or call or text [952-913-2973](tel:952-913-2973) with your name and how many you are registering by January 15 to help with planning.

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, Wednesdays at 6:15pm, Room 15. Led by Denise Ehler.

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

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**



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.

Gourmet Group, aka Divine Tasters will meet on January 21st at Jack and Mary's 655 N 114th St. (114th and Dodge) Please contact Julie Schenk at 402-333-2230 or julieaschenk@gmail.com prior to the 18th so that reservations can be made. As always, new faces are welcomed.

Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. January 10th with Spaghetti.

· FLOWER CHART ·



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.

Altar Flowers are given by **Pat & Sandy Swift** in celebration and thankfulness for many blessings on the occasion of their 49th anniversary on January 4th and **Chuck & Bonnie Clark** in loving memory of Chuck's parents, David & Dorothy McNew.



Thank you from Beverly Major for all the prayers and visits from Pastor Rasmussen during her hospital stay.



Free Blood Pressure Screening by the parish nurses on the last Sunday of each month, 9:00 – 11:00am located at the end of the hall to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

This Week's Calendar:

Monday, January 8

10:00am **Seniors for the Lord** (Trinity Room)
 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, January 9

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** - *Living Beyond Yourself* (Trinity Room)
 10:00am **Adult Bible Study** - Luther's Large Catechism (Luther Chapel)
 7:00pm **Young Adult Ministry**

Wednesday, January 10

6:30am **Men's Bible Study** - *The Gospel of John* (Trinity Room)
 9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - *Miracles of Jesus* (Room 15)
 4:45-6:00pm **Midweek Meal** (CLC) Spaghetti
 5:00pm **Hope Choir** (Sanctuary)
 5:30-6:05pm **Upper Room Worship** with Communion
 5:45pm **Singing Stars Choir** (Choir Room)
Shalom Choir (Room 14)
 6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Classes/Bible Studies/Confirmation**
Women's Service/Mission Project (Room 3)
Adult Bible Study - *Current Events from a Christian Perspective* (Luther Chapel)
Women's Bible Study - *Living Life Together* (Room 15)
Men's Bible Study - *Man Camp* (Shepherd's Room)
Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
H.S. Recharge (Youth Room)
 7:30pm **Men's Chorus**
Ceaseless Praise Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00am **Men's Bible Study** - *Reading Romans with Luther* (Vidlak's Café-156th & Center)
 9:00am **Mission Belles**
 7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons Room)

Friday, January 12

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** - *Matthew* (Shepherd's Room)
 9:15am **MOPS** (various)

Saturday, January 13

7:30am **Men's Bible Study** - *Galatians* (Trinity Room)
 5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship**

Sunday, January 14

8:00am **Traditional Worship** with Communion
 9:00am **Sunday School** (Lower Level)
Jr. High School (Cave)
High School Bible Study (Youth Room)
Adult Bible Study - (Sanctuary)
Women's Bible Study - *NEW: Finding I AM* (Room 11)
 10:00am **Contemporary Worship** (Sanctuary) with Communion
 10:10am **Family Worship** (CLC) with Communion
Adult Bible Study - *In The Beginning* (Commons Room)
 11-12:30pm **Family Campus Workshop** - Chapel
 11:10am **Blended Worship** (Sanctuary) with Communion