

THE DIVINE SHEPHERD **WEEKLY HEARTBEAT**

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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For the Weekend of April 29-30, 2017



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This Summer Sunday mornings are going to look different!

- New schedule!
- Many opportunities to get into the Word so the Word can get into you!
- Food and fellowship!
- Many opportunities to get involved and serve!

The Gospels: How They Relate to Each Other & to You – Tuesdays, 10:00am in Luther Chapel led by Pastor Hannemann.

Men's Bible Studies:

Ephesians – Thursdays, 6:00am, Vidlak's Brookside Café, 156th & W. Center Road.

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

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

Women's Bible Studies:

12 Women of the Bible – Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am, Room 16/17, led by Kristin Herrera.

1st Peter – Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am, Room 15, led by Remkea Ockander.

She Reads Truth – **First Saturday** of each month, 8:30-10:00am, led by Deb Wendt. **Meets at Paradise Bakery** at Village Point. **Meets next May 6.**

Fruit of the Spirit – Love, Joy Peace– Sundays, 9:30am, Room 13, led by Dena Nigh.



Join us this summer for our VBS – GONE FISHIN'!

We'll be emphasizing what it means to be a 'fisher of men' through our Bible stories and activities. We will learn how we can use our talents to bring others into God's Kingdom through our

VBS camps, Open Door Mission camp, Nature camp, Imagination Station camp, Messy Art camps, Lego/Building camps and Cooking camps for children preschool through 6th grade scheduled throughout the summer. Register online at www.dsomaha.org or pick up a registration form in the Atrium and return it to the church office. For more information contact Jeannine Glesmann at Jeannine@dsomaha.org or by calling 402-895-1500.



Mother's Day – May 14th – is just around the corner!

If you would like to preorder a Mother's Day flower arrangement from the youth, please do so by May 1st. Order and pay online at www.dsomaha.org. Single stem roses (\$4) and carnations (\$3) will also be sold on Mother's Day. For additional information or an order form see the youth in the Atrium.

Genesis Project – Be watching for more information soon about our feasibility study on the potential of starting a K-5 Lutheran school on our campus.



A BIG Thank you to the high school youth who created, planned, and lead the Easter Sunrise service this weekend.

High School RECHARGE will resume meeting in the fall.



Teacher assistant position available at Little Lamb Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year. The position is Monday through Friday mornings, plus one evening a month. Please contact Tonya at Tonya@dsomaha.org for questions or if interested.



Bus driver wanted – the church is looking for a volunteer bus driver who has a CDL license to drive our church bus for school activities. Contact Pastor Jim in the church office at 402-895-1500 or Jim@dsomaha.org.



Thanksgiving and high-five to God for a beautiful day for our spring cleaning day! A BIG thank you to members of the congregation for their generous donations to spruce up church; and a HUGE thank you to the just over 50 adults and youth who generously gave their time and energy to make the exterior of the church look beautiful! Well done and thank you Church of God!



Next Week's Message:

Next weekend Pastor Hannemann will share with us a message that focuses on what is happening at Divine Shepherd this summer and why.

May 6/7 – *What Were We Supposed To Be Devoted To?* – Acts 2:42-47



Adult Bible Studies:

New 5-week Study! – The Lord's Prayer – Sunday, 9:30am – Commons Room (lower level), led by Pastor Gierke.



Seniors for the Lord will be touring MCC Horticultural Gardens on May 1st. We will meet in the chapel at 9:30 to car pool. We plan to have lunch at the Sage, the culinary school cafe. ANYONE is welcome. If you have not signed up, please call Clarice Howard at 402-934-7237. Sign-up is to determine the number of tours needed.



Registration for Little Lamb Preschool is now open for 2017-2018 Fall classes. Call or email for a tour or more information, 402-895-1500 or tonya@dsomaha.org.



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.



Tuesday, May 2nd, 5-8pm is Culver's Night for Little Lamb Preschool. Tell the cashier that the purchase is to be designated to Little Lamb Preschool and our preschool will receive 20% back.



Stephen Ministry – If you or someone you know is going through a challenging time, a Stephen Minister may be the answer to ease the burden. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide Christian care to those who are struggling or hurting. Call Gordon Muirhead (402-894-5913) or email at gmuirhead@cox.net



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.



Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and visits while I am recovering from surgery. It is all appreciated very much. Emilie Mindrup



Altar flowers are given by Jason & Julie Snell in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary on April 29.



We have some openings for altar flowers on May 7 and a couple of weeks in June. If you would like to provide altar flowers during one of these openings please fill in your name and phone number on the flower chart in the Atrium.



Concordia HS presents its Spring Bands & Orchestras Concert on Monday, May 8 at 7:00pm (156th and Fort). Fresh off of their European tour, the Sr. High Concert Band and Sr. High Orchestra are sounding especially good. Jr. High groups will be performing too and don't forget the Jazz Bands! Come join us as we celebrate these great musicians.



Tuesday, May 9, our Spring Choirs/Bells Concert will begin at 7:00pm (in the CHS gym). The Jr. and Sr. High Handbells, the Harmonix, Platinum and Jr. High Choir will join our Sr. High Choirs for a great night of music. We invite you to put it on your calendar so that you don't miss out on a great concert!

There is no admission charge either night. A free-will offering will be taken to support the CHS Music Department.

A Letter from Pastor Russ Gipson, who we called to serve as Associate Pastor:

Dear Members of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Blessings to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, whose victory over death and the grave and charge to make disciples of all nations provides us with a unity that cannot be broken.

It was an honor to have received a call to serve as Associate Pastor/Director of Community Life at Divine Shepherd. However, after much prayer and consideration, God has led me to return your call. This was not an easy decision for me to come to as there are many aspects of your congregation that I truly respect and admire. Chief among them is the culture of outreach you have cultivated and the commitment to design your ministry in such a way that it meets the needs of our current context. The growth and energy of your congregation is both inspiring and encouraging.

However, in this process I believe that God has made it clear to me that my present call is to Holy Cross. I pray that God continue to bless your congregation, and that he would quickly lead you to the right pastor to facilitate an even richer community life at Divine Shepherd.

In His Service,
Rev. Russ Gipson
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama

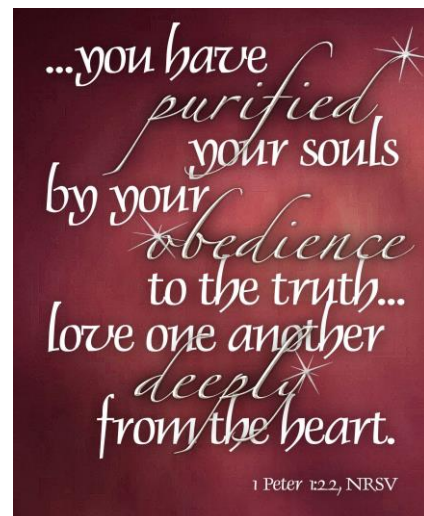


Join Kings Riders (King of Kings LCMS Motorcycle Ministry) for lunch, new friendships, safe riding and Christian fellowship on their first ride of the season, Saturday May 20. Meet at Burger King at 6602 N. 99th St. (99th & Blair High Rd.) Clutches out at 10am, ride to Pop-N-Doc's in Decatur, NE for lunch and then ride back. **RSVP not necessary but preferred.** Contact Jim at 402-660-2354 or email jcnman@aol.com.



Registration is now open for youth sports camps through Concordia High School. Camp opportunities for youth in kindergarten through 8th grade will include: volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, girls basketball and boys basketball. Concordia's varsity coaches operate the camps with age appropriate activities for skill development and fun. The first camp occurs in late April with the rest of the dates scheduled in June. To register, go to the concordiaomaha.org. Contact Ben Ermland with questions at 402-445-4000.

Counseling Available - The Staff of Gracepoint Institute for Relational Health is serving the church and the community with counseling from a Christian perspective. You can make an appointment by calling 402-614-6287.



This Week's Calendar:



Monday, May 1

9:30am **Seniors for the Lord** (meet at church to carpool to MCC)
 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, May 2

9:00-11:00am **Women's Bible Study - 12 Women of the Bible** (Room 16/17)
 10-11:15am **Adult Bible Study - The Gospels...** (Luther Chapel)
 5:00-8:00pm **Culver's Night Fundraiser for Preschool** (at Culver's 152 & Q Street)
 7:00pm **Board of Elders** (Shepherd's Room)

Wednesday, May 3

9:30-11:00am **Women's Bible Study - 1st Peter** (Room 15)
 6:15-7:15pm **Chancel Choir Practice** (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 4

6:00am **Men's Bible Study - Ephesians** (Vidlak's Café-156 & Center)
 7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons Room)

Friday, May 5

6:15am **Men's Bible Study - Matthew** (Shepherd's Room)
 3:00pm **Mission Belles Program** (Parson's House - 14325 Eagle Run Drive)

Saturday, May 6

7:30am **Men's Bible Study - Genesis** (Trinity Room)
 8:30-10:00am **Women's Bible Study - She Reads Truth** (Paradise Bakery - Village Pointe)
 5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** with Holy Communion

Sunday, May 7

8:00am **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion
 9:30am **Contemporary Worship**
Sunday School (Lower Level)
Adult Bible Study - The Lord's Supper (Commons Room - Lower Level)
Women's Bible Study - Fruit of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace (Room 13)
Contemporary Worship (Christian Life Center)
 9:40am
 11:00am **Blended Worship** with Children's Message

